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Subject: January 30, 1997 BDAC Meeting

The next **BDAC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 1997** at the **Sacramento Convention Center, Room 204**. Please contact Robin as soon as possible to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

Over the next several months, BDAC will be presented with overviews of the program components. The objective of these presentations is to aid BDAC members in understanding the components and their development, highlight issues and how the program proposes to address them, and discuss alternative development. By April, it is our goal to have BDAC input and advice on the adequacy of the components to be integrated into alternatives and evaluated in impact analysis. To accomplish this, we will follow the process outlined below over the next three months:

- **CALFED staff will present briefings on the components.** At the January, March and April, 1997 BDAC meetings, CALFED staff will provide overviews of all the components; water quality, water use efficiency, system integrity, ecosystem quality, and storage and conveyance. These briefings will convey the overall goal of the component, the elements of the program, the likely opportunities for integration with other components, and emerging policy issues including stakeholder assurance needs. At the January meeting, we will provide briefings on the Water Quality and Water Use Efficiency Programs and a status update on the Storage and Conveyance Program.
- **BDAC provides input to refine components.** At these briefings, we will create opportunities for discussions and for BDAC members to ensure that policy issues have been characterized correctly within the programs developed by the CALFED Program.
- **BDAC deliberations and advice on components.** At the April meeting, we will focus on the integration of the components into alternatives and ask BDAC the following questions:

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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- Is this an adequate set of alternatives to take into impact assessment?
- Given the level of detail for the programmatic analysis, what assurances are needed to move the alternatives forward?

It is important that BDAC members feel that the range of actions discussed in the program components are adequate to address relevant issues in impact analysis. It is also important to remember that additional opportunities will be available to further refine aspects of the program components after integration into alternatives and as the impact analysis proceeds.

This meeting packet contains the following information to assist in preparing for the meeting:

- Draft agenda;
- Summary of programmatic EIR/EIS Level of Detail;
- Issue papers on the Water Quality and Water Use Efficiency Program components;
- Overview of the Proposed FY 1998 Program Activities and Five-Year Implementation Plan;
- BDAC written comments;
- Public Outreach Update; and
- Work Group meeting summaries from the December 13, 1996 Assurances Work Group meeting, the December 2, 1996 Water Use Efficiency Work Group meeting, and the December 18, 1996 Ecosystem Restoration Work Group meeting.

We look forward to seeing you at the upcoming meeting.