

# **BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Package**

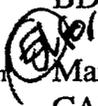
**November 4-5, 1997**  
**Sacramento Convention Center**  
**Room 204**  
**9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.**



**CALFED  
BAY-DELTA  
PROGRAM**



## Memorandum

Date: October 23, 1997  
To: BDAC Members  
From:  Mary Selkirk  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
Subject: November 4-5, 1997 Meeting

The next BDAC meeting is scheduled for November 4-5, 1997 in Room 204 at the Sacramento Convention Center in Sacramento, CA. BDAC members should contact Robin Jenkins at (916) 657-2666 as soon as possible to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

We are holding this meeting over two days to ensure that BDAC members have adequate time to deliberate on some of the critical policy issues emerging as CALFED moves toward development of a preferred alternative for the draft EIR/EIS. The first day will focus primarily on policy deliberation, while the second day will continue with policy deliberations in addition to updates on the Water Use Efficiency and Water Quality Program components.

BDAC members will be briefed on the preliminary recommendations of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan Scientific Review Panel. A full report will be made at the December 12 BDAC meeting.

The primary objectives for this meeting are:

- to review the common program planning assumptions and significant policy advice made to date by BDAC;
- to identify areas of general concurrence among BDAC members and areas of continued concern regarding the common program; and
- to solicit the views of all BDAC members regarding the significant policy tradeoffs and assurances issues which have emerged during analysis of the alternatives.

**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  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

In developing the format for this meeting, we have attempted to incorporate the helpful comments offered by many BDAC members over the past several weeks. The emphasis will be on focused discussion, in both plenary and small group sessions.

The outcome of BDAC deliberations at this upcoming meeting will be critical to CALFED staff as they narrow their decision on a preferred hybrid alternative in the next several weeks. The staff anticipate having a draft hybrid alternative sufficiently developed for discussion by BDAC at the December meeting, which is currently scheduled for **Friday, December 12.**

Please note that BDAC members are invited to dinner and an informal evening program with invited guests Senator Jim Costa, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources, and Marc Reisner, who recently authored a working paper on strategies to preserve prime agricultural lands in the Central Valley. We have asked Senator Costa to provide BDAC members with a preview of the significant legislative issues on the horizon in 1998 which may have an impact on the CALFED Program, particularly in the area of assurances.

The following material is provided in preparation for the November 4-5 meeting:

- Draft Agenda
- Meeting Summary from the September 4, 1997 meeting
- A memo on conflict of interest relative to contracting
- A preliminary update on the ERPP Scientific Review Panel
- An update on the HCP scoping process
- An update on the Restoration Coordination Program funding process
- An overview of the process being used to develop the CALFED preferred alternative
- A draft report on the Distinguishing Characteristics analysis
- A discussion paper on the Water Use Efficiency Program
- A discussion paper on the Water Quality Program
- Meeting summaries from the Assurances, Finance, and Water Transfers Work Groups
- Correspondence regarding the CVPIA B(2) negotiations
- Letters received from BDAC members since the last meeting.

We look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming meeting.