

BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Package

December 12, 1997

Sacramento Convention Center, Room 204

9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.



**CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM**

Memorandum

Date: November 26, 1997

To: BDAC Members

From: Mary Selkirk *Mary Selkirk*
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: BDAC Meeting, December 12, 1997

The upcoming BDAC meeting will be held on Friday, December 12 at the Sacramento Convention Center.

As you know, we are fast approaching the deadline for release of a draft programmatic EIR/EIS. The December meeting will focus on the work of the Interagency Development Team, the refinement of the three hybrid alternatives, and the consequent trade-offs. This may be the final opportunity for BDAC members to deliberate on the range of alternatives before the IDT moves toward making a decision on a draft preferred alternative.

At our last meeting you were briefed on the three storage and conveyance alternatives which are being developed and refined by the IDT. In addition, you were asked to discuss some of the policy trade-offs which were emerging from their work. At the December meeting you will be briefed extensively on each hybrid alternative. In addition, nearly half of the day will be devoted to in-depth discussion of the alternatives and their trade-offs, both in the plenary as well as in small break-out groups.

The other significant item on the agenda for the December meeting will be discussion of the final scientific review panel recommendations on the ERPP and the proposed process for ERPP revision.

The tentative date proposed for the BDAC meeting in January is Thursday, January 29, 1998. The focus of the January meeting will be on the draft preferred alternative under consideration by the CALFED team. In addition, BDAC members will be asked to review and discuss the draft implementation plan, which addresses the critical issues of assurances and financing. Please mark your calendars for that meeting date.

CALFED Agencies

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

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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

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Enclosed in your meeting packet are the following materials:

Agenda

November 4-5, 1997 Meeting Summary

Report on the Scientific Review Panel Recommendations and ERPP Revision Process
Subcommittee Meeting Summaries

- Ecosystem Roundtable
- Assurances Work Group
- Water Transfers Work Group

You will be receiving the following items under separate cover:

Report on the IDT Process and Refined Alternatives

Restoration Coordination Program Update

HCP/ESA Update

Finance Work Group Summary

I look forward to seeing you on the 12th!