

# **BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Package**

**January 29, 1998**

**Sacramento Convention Center, Room 204**

**9:00 a.m. - 5:45 p.m.**



**CALFED  
BAY-DELTA  
PROGRAM**



### Memorandum

Date: January 14, 1998  
To: BDAC Members  
From: Lester A. Snow  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
Subject: January 29, 1998 Meeting

The Bay Delta Advisory Council will be meeting on Thursday, January 29, 1998 in Sacramento. We look forward to your participation. This upcoming meeting will be the final meeting of BDAC before release of the CALFED programmatic EIR/EIS. As you can see from the attached agenda, we have a heavy agenda with focus on several critical policy matters. In addition, we have attempted to ensure that all of the significant questions raised at the meeting of December will be responded to in staff presentations and/or discussions.

The CALFED Program is seeking input from BDAC on significant issues including the characterization of the alternatives in the upcoming EIR, the role of water quality and fish diversion effects of fisheries in distinguishing the alternatives from one another, the further development of the CALFED water use efficiency program and the role of land retirement, and the role of storage across the alternatives. In addition, BDAC members will be briefed on the progress in the development of conceptual models and implementation plan for the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP) and will be asked to comment on the draft Assurances and Finance Implementation Plan. Finally, CALFED staff will be presenting preliminary proposals for independent review of each component of the Program during the refinement of the draft EIR into its final version. The staff needs BDAC input on the approach being developed for each program. We are interested specifically in your responses to the following questions:

- Has the CALFED staff accurately characterized the significant questions which need to be answered in the draft EIR comment period in order for the Program to make a clear recommendation for a preferred alternative?

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

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-- Does the review and comment process as outlined for each Program component adequately address those significant questions?

Since BDAC is the principal voice of the public in CALFED, your views on these issues are of paramount importance to the Program. A number of you have been, or will soon be contacted by CALFED staff to enlist your assistance in leading the discussion on a number of the policy issues on the agenda. The following items are included in your meeting packet:

- Agenda;
- December 12, 1997 Meeting Summary;
- EIR/EIS Status;
- Water Management Strategy Paper;
- Key Distinguishing Characteristics Papers;
- Update on the Ecosystem Restoration Program;
- Restoration Coordination Status Update;
- Meeting Summaries and BDAC Letters.

The draft Finance and Assurances Implementation Plan will be mailed under separate cover.

Because the agenda for this meeting is so heavy, we have moved the start time to **9 a.m.** and plan to meet until **5:45 p.m.** Please make your travel plans accordingly to the extent possible to ensure your ability to stay for the entire scheduled meeting. We have notified those of you in Southern California and urge you to consider flying to Sacramento the evening before to avoid potential travel delays due to inclement weather. If you need assistance with any travel arrangements or accommodations, please don't hesitate to call Robin Jenkins at (916) 657-2666. We look forward to your participation on the 29th.