

BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Package

June 17-18, 1998

DoubleTree Hotel

1055 Van Ness Avenue, Fresno

2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m., June 17

8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., June 18



**CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM**



M e m o r a n d u m

Date: June 2, 1998

To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: BDAC Meeting in Fresno, June 17-18, 1998

Enclosed is the packet of written materials pertaining to our upcoming BDAC meeting which will be held on June 17 and 18, 1998 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Fresno. The focus of this meeting will be on three themes: the nature of the pending CALFED decision; agricultural community perspectives on progressive water management in agriculture; and, issues of general concern about CALFED from diverse communities in the San Joaquin Valley. Attached is a draft agenda.

Our meeting will commence on Wednesday morning with a tour of farms on the West side of the Valley. The tour is being coordinated by the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority. Details about the tour are included.** The formal BDAC meeting will begin at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon at the DoubleTree Hotel and will adjourn on Thursday afternoon. BDAC members are also invited to a reception at the DoubleTree on Wednesday evening sponsored by the San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority, Westlands Water District, Kern County Water Agency, and Friant Water Users Authority. Local public officials will also be invited to the reception. Further information will follow.

During the next several months CALFED staff and the CALFED Policy Group will be working hard to refine the nature and the scope of the draft programmatic alternative. Feedback from BDAC will be vital in this process. At this upcoming BDAC meeting, Stein Buer and I will be reviewing the work to date on refining the nature of the draft alternative. We will also brief you on the proposed Stage I implementation, program by program. We hope to have an in-depth discussion with you all on the direction we are moving in, and get your feedback on how the staff and CALFED agencies are proposing Program linkages and triggers.

** Members of the public are also invited to the tour, but must provide their own transportation.

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

As you know, the issue of water use efficiency in the agricultural sector has been a controversial topic within CALFED and BDAC. In an attempt to provide BDAC members with a deeper understanding of the perspective of some sectors of the agricultural community, we will be featuring a panel of speakers addressing their own efforts to improve water quality and efficiencies of water use on their farms. By way of introduction to the panel, Rick Soehren, CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program manager, will provide BDAC with a brief status report on the CALFED Water Use Efficiency Program and will be looking for BDAC feedback. You will also hear from Tom Gohring, currently with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, regarding the broad concept of "basin efficiency" in the San Joaquin Valley.

BDAC members will also have an opportunity to hear from a variety of other Valley interests--including urban and environmental representatives--regarding the CALFED Program and its pertinence to numerous issues of concern to communities in the San Joaquin Valley.

Mark Cowin will be briefing BDAC members on the economic equivalency analysis which CALFED will be undertaking soon. This initial effort will be part of a long-term CALFED effort to analyze the relative costs of various water management alternatives, including both structural alternatives (e.g., new storage), and non-structural alternatives (e.g., aggressive reclamation and demand reduction actions).

In addition, BDAC will hear from the Transfers Work Group chairs Tib Belza and Roger Strelow on the current progress on developing a CALFED water transfers policy framework. They will be seeking feedback from BDAC on the draft policy framework and specifically on the Clearinghouse concept being developed by CALFED staff and CALFED agencies.

Finally, you will be briefed on the current water acquisition actions being considered by the Ecosystem Roundtable.

Your packet includes the following materials:

- Draft Agenda
- Stage I Implementation Paper
- Memo on Restoration Coordination
- Draft Paper on the Economic Equivalency Analysis
- Draft Transfers Policy Framework
- Draft Paper on Transfers Clearinghouse
- May Meeting Summary
- Letters To/From BDAC Members
- Summary of Comments from Public Hearings
- BDAC Work Group Meeting Summaries