

BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Package

October 29-30, 1998

Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn

300 J Street, Sacramento

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; October 29

8:30 a.m. - Noon; October 30





Memorandum

Date: October 21, 1998

To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Subject: BDAC Meeting, October 29-30, 1998

Attached is your packet of materials for the upcoming meeting of the Bay Delta Advisory Council which will be held in Sacramento on Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30 at the Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, 300 J Street.

You will note from the enclosed agenda that we have made some significant changes to the meeting. As the CALFED agencies approach a decision on a draft preferred alternative, certain significant public policy issues remain unresolved. As you know, considerable debate has taken place regarding the appropriate role of groundwater and surface storage within the broader water management strategy in stabilizing California's water supplies for both its environmental resources and its water users. At the BDAC meeting in Stockton in September, members expressed their diverse views on this issue. While generally in support of a phased approach to implementing the CALFED Program, BDAC members have not yet achieved consensus on the role of storage in CALFED's approach to water management, particularly in the first seven years of the Program. Our objective at the upcoming meeting is to ask for further BDAC feedback on how CALFED should link the various water management tools, both over the long-term and in Stage I of the Program.

The entire first day of the next BDAC meeting will be devoted to this issue. You will be asked to meet in small facilitated break-out groups in the morning, and to bring the results to the Council as a whole in the afternoon for consideration by the full membership. By the end of the day we hope you will be able to communicate your concurrence, or reasonable zone of agreement on this issue, to the CALFED staff.

The Friday BDAC meeting will focus on CALFED governance, specifically on what kinds of functions and authorities will be required to implement the Program through Stage I and through its thirty-year life span. Ecosystem Work Group Chair Roberta Borgonovo and Assurance Work Group Chair Hap Dunning will lead off the morning's deliberations.

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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Since many of you will be spending the night in Sacramento, we would like to invite all of you to a reception at the Holiday Inn on Thursday evening, co-sponsored by the Association of California Water Agencies and California Urban Water Agencies. The reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. at John Q's, which is located on the top floor. The public is invited to attend.

I look forward to meeting with you all next week.

Your packet includes the following materials:

Agenda

Memo on Improving Water Supply Reliability Through Bundled Stage I Actions

Memo on a CALFED Governing Entity

Memo on October Policy Group Meeting

Work Group Summaries:

Summary of joint Ecosystem Restoration and Assurances Work Group meeting

Summary of Finance Work Group Meeting

Summary of Transfers Work Group Meeting

Letters and Responses