

# BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL

## Meeting Package

Capitol Plaza Ballroom  
1025 Ninth Street, Fraternity Room  
Sacramento  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.



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## Memorandum

Date: January 11, 1999

To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow

Subject: BDAC Meeting, January 21, 1999

The first Bay Delta Advisory Council meeting for 1999 will take place in Sacramento on January 21, 1999. As you all know, this will be an important year in which the future of the CALFED Program will be shaped. We will be releasing the revised draft EIR/S later this year, leading subsequently to a Record of Decision and certification of the preferred programmatic alternative EIR/S by the end of 1999. The signing of a Record of Decision will mark the end of planning and the beginning of thirty years of implementing and adaptively managing this ambitious Program.

Our meeting next week will begin with highlights of the Phase II Report, and a focus on the outstanding issues which must be addressed in 1999.

We will also be asking you to review and discuss two components of the Program which will require intensive attention this year. The first is CALFED Governance. We will be reviewing a number of proposals recently brought forward which will in different ways enable CALFED to move directly into implementation of the Program in the year 2000. The second issue is Ag Water Use Efficiency. We will be presenting the progress made by the recently convened Ag Focus Group and the results of the Ag Water Conservation Expert Panel, both of which completed work efforts in mid-December 1998.

Over the course of this year we are looking for your continued participation in helping the CALFED agencies to shape a final EIR/S and Program which will be comprehensive, balanced, and reflective of all of the Program's solution principles. At next week's meeting, we will also discuss recommendations to focus and strengthen BDAC's advisory role, and to broaden stakeholder input into the Program as a whole.

I look forward to meeting with you next week. Included in your packet are the following materials:

- Meeting Agenda
- BDAC Assessment Report
- Meeting Summary
- Letters from BDAC members
- EWC Blueprint for Water Supply Reliability

**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