

# **BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting Package**

**May 12, 1999  
DoubleTree Hotel  
2001 Point West Way  
Sacramento  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**



**CALFED  
BAY-DELTA  
PROGRAM**



## Memorandum

Date: April 29, 1999

To: BDAC Members

From: Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director

Subject: May 12, 1999 BDAC Meeting

The Bay-Delta Advisory Council will meet on May 12, 1999 at the DoubleTree Inn in Sacramento, California. Enclosed is a packet of written materials. The purpose of the meeting is to preview the draft programmatic EIS/EIR, including the draft preferred alternative, Conservation Strategy, draft Phase II report and Water Management Strategy. The Council will also have an in-depth discussion with Policy Group members on major issues concerning governance and finance.

We will begin the meeting at 9 a.m. with an update on what to expect in the revised programmatic draft EIS/EIR. The document is scheduled to be released to the public on June 25, 1999; therefore, neither it nor the draft Phase II report will be available at the meeting. The update will include a schedule for the entire EIS/EIR process and an overview of the 1998 draft EIS/EIR sections which will be revised, and those which will remain substantially the same in the June 1999 document.

Release of the revised draft EIS/EIR, including the draft Phase II Report, is a significant step in the Program schedule. The revised Phase II report will incorporate comments received on the December 18, 1998 draft and improvements resulting from continuing Program refinement. A new component of the document is a section on the overall strategy for integrating all of the CALFED Program elements including the Water Management Strategy, Environmental Water Account and the Integrated Storage Investigation. The basic approach will be presented at the meeting.

The rest of the meeting will be devoted to in-depth discussion on several components of the impending draft document. Discussion on the Water Management Strategy will focus on further progress made toward defining the five water management objectives and the policy preferences.

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**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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In the afternoon you and Policy Group members will discuss important governance and finance policy issues. This will be the first of two meetings this year in which direct interaction with the Policy Group is planned. Prior to the discussion, you will receive a brief overview of what to expect in the revised draft EIS/EIR and the major issues which will need to be addressed before the Record of Decision and certification of the EIS/EIR in June 2000.

Your packet includes the following materials:

EIS/EIR Schedule and Table of Contents  
Draft executive summary to the CALFED Multi-Species Conservation Strategy  
Water Management Strategy memo  
Governance Update  
Finance Memo  
Restoration Coordination Program Update  
Work Group Meeting Summaries  
Letters to/from BDAC Members