

### **Interim CALFED Governance-- Recent Changes**

Described below are recent changes and refinements to the Policy Group procedures and membership that will be incorporated into a new Framework Agreement.

#### **1. Policy Group Membership**

State and federal agencies that support the CALFED objectives and would like to participate in program implementation could be members. Any agency that wants to be a member of the Policy Group would need to sign the new Framework Agreement. Each member agency would need to identify a representative and alternate for participation in Policy Group. One federal lead representative and one state lead representative will be identified to co-chair the meetings.

There are numerous agencies with activities related to CALFED objectives that may want to participate in CALFED activities but may not be interested in becoming members of the Policy Group. Coordination with those agencies will be initiated or continued, and separate coordinating agreements will be established when needed.

#### **2. Meeting Requirements**

Policy Group will meet a minimum of four times a year. The Policy Group will meet at least once a year with BDAC to perform the annual performance assessment. The state and federal co-chairs will alternate chairing of meetings. The co-chairs or their alternates will need to be in attendance in order for the Policy Group to meet.

#### **3. Decision Rule**

The Policy Group will follow a state-federal consensus rule for making decisions. The state and federal co-chairs would be responsible for expressing the state and federal positions and identifying when consensus is reached.

#### **4. Public Participation**

All Policy Group meetings will be public meetings. Selected members of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council will be asked to participate as ex-officio members. For all other members of the public, an opportunity for public comment will be provided at each meeting. For the August 11-12 meeting only, the BDAC Chair and Vice Chair were invited to attend along with six BDAC members representing diverse views on the Council. BDAC will be asked at their September 1999 meeting to recommend a process for their ongoing participation in Policy Group meetings.