



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** BDAC Water Transfers Work Group  
**FROM:** Tib Belza and Roger Strelow, Co-Chairs  
**DATE:** March 10, 1998  
**SUBJECT:** March 18 Water Transfers Work Group Meeting

The next Water Transfer Work Group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 18. Given the amount of material we have to cover, we have again scheduled a long meeting, from 9:30 until 3:00 P.M., with a one hour lunch break.

In response to requests from Work Group members, staff has prepared a summary of the CVPIA water transfer provisions. Copies of the 1993 CVPIA water transfer guidelines and the 1996 draft administrative proposal from the Garamendi process will be available at the meeting. We will spend a short amount of time at the March meeting reviewing this material.

We would also like to have some discussion of the issues related to instream flow (Water Code section 1707) transfers and other issues related to environmental protection in the water transfer process.

We would like to continue our discussion of the revised Clearinghouse paper, dated March 10, 1998, which is included in this packet. If we have properly described the possible functions for this process, we should turn our attention to the questions of who performs these functions, and how they would be funded.

Finally, staff will present their preliminary thinking on the outline of the water transfer policy framework white paper which Lester Snow described last month. This document brings together the various solution options we have discussed, and identifies issues which will not fully be resolved through the CALFED process.

Your meeting packet includes the following materials:

1. Sign up sheet from the February meeting
2. Summary of the February meeting
3. Summary of CVPIA water transfer provisions
4. Revised discussion paper on the information clearinghouse

**Enclosures**

**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