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To: BDAC Water Use Efficiency Work Group Members and Invited Participants

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Subject: BDAC Water Use Efficiency Work Group Meeting

The first meeting of the BDAC Water Use Efficiency Work Group will be held on Thursday, May 23, 1996 at the Resources Building, Room 1142, from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. I would like to thank all of you for agreeing to participate in the Water Use Efficiency Work Group.

The Work Group concept was developed by the CALFED Program staff along with Chair and Vice-Chair of Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC). Attached is a brief summary describing the objectives of the BDAC Work Groups. The Water Use Efficiency Work Group (Work Group), will function as a smaller, more focussed, fact-finding body to BDAC and the CALFED staff in developing and refining the overall policy and approach regarding water use efficiency and demand management.

Participation

Participants in the Work Group represent three primary groups: BDAC members, members of stakeholder groups, and CALFED agencies. In addition, any others and members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings. Members of the Work Group were determined in two ways. At the April 25 BDAC meeting, interested BDAC members and others were invited to contact the Work Group Chair to be considered for inclusion in the initial list of work group members. Subsequently, the Work Group Chair and CALFED Program staff met and drew up a list of potential interested BDAC members and representatives from the stakeholder groups and CALFED agencies. Criteria for selecting participation include the following: familiarity with the range of issues facing the long-term solution to Bay-Delta restoration; demonstrated ability to present the perspective of an important constituency concerned with Bay-Delta restoration; commitment to attend a series of meetings through the completion of Phase I of the CALFED program, and possibly well into Phase II (it is estimated that the Work Group will meet up to once a month for the next several months); and receptivity to different points of view and a willingness to consider several options before framing or recommending policy choices.

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
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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Work Group Focus

The focus of the Work Group will be policy issues related to water use efficiency and demand management. Some of these issues are presented in the draft Work Group Statement of Purpose, which is attached. Other policy questions identified by the work group may be added to the debate and discussion.

Work Group Procedures and Products

All materials developed by the Work Group will be fact-finding in nature. Participants in the Work Group will not be voting on any issue, nor will the Work Group itself be making any decisions. All the work products from the Work Group will be used to assist the CALFED staff and the BDAC in this crucial stage of identifying options for addressing policy issues related to water use efficiency and demand management.

All issues discussed and analyzed, and any options developed by the Work Group, will be summarized in one or more reports and provided to the full BDAC. These reports may take the form of issues or options papers and will be drafted by CALFED staff, subject to review by all Work Group participants. Only one report, or set of reports, will be submitted to BDAC, rather than competing versions of facts or options. The Work Group will discuss time lines for reports to ensure that all reports will be completed in time to be reviewed and discussed by BDAC and by the CALFED staff and utilized in the alternative refinement and evaluation process. CALFED staff will provide summaries of each Work Group meeting to all participants.

I hope this information provides you with sufficient background for Thursday's meeting.

Attachments:

Meeting Agenda
Proposed Establishment of BDAC Work Groups
Draft Statement of Purpose, Water Use Efficiency Work Group