



Memorandum

Date: July 13, 2000
To: Bay-Delta Advisory Council
From: Chair Mike Madigan,
Vice Chair Sunne McPeak,
Bay-Delta Advisory Council



Subject: Bay-Delta Advisory Council and the CALFED Program

As you know, on May 24, 2000 we submitted our recommendation on the CALFED solution to Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Hayes and Secretary for Resources Mary Nichols. We want to thank each of you for your hard work and important contributions to the recommendation. Although we did not incorporate all suggestions from members, your comments and advice represented the issues and concerns of the stakeholder community, as a whole, and made for a better recommendation.

Attached to this memo is the formal submittal to the CALFED Policy Group, including the May 24 recommendation, the list of Council members who support the recommendation and correspondence from BDAC members on the recommendation. The announcement on June 9, 2000 by Governor Davis and Secretary Babbitt represented a significant step to resolution of Bay-Delta issues. We assure you that BDAC deliberations since 1995 have paid dividends and contributed substantially to this effort. Please note that many suggestions in the May 24 recommendation were included in the "Framework for Action".

As the CALFED Program transitions from planning to implementation, the Council is also in a state of transition (see Steve Ritchie's July 13, 2000 memo). Although no meetings of the CALFED Policy Group or Council have been scheduled, yet, the Council's work groups and subcommittees are continuing to meet. In addition, the CALFED Policy Group may ask the Council to deliberate on specific issues. For these reasons, there may be a need for future BDAC meetings, although

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

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we do not expect them to be scheduled on a regular basis. The CALFED Program staff will keep you informed of any future meeting dates.

In the mean time, the CALFED Policy Group will invite Council members to its meetings. The Council (in its present form) is expected to be in existence until a new or amended Federal Advisory Committee Act charter takes effect, sometime after the Record of Decision/Certification. The Charter will be specific to implementation and will reflect new responsibilities and possibly new membership criteria.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or comments.

cc: David Spath, Delta Drinking Water Council Chair
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