



**CALFED
BAY-DELTA
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MEDIA ADVISORY

For Wednesday, April 29

LOCAL RESIDENTS ADDRESS STATE, FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON WATER ISSUES

WHAT More than 200 Central Valley residents are expected to tell state and federal officials how they think the California Bay-Delta system should be managed, part of a 75 day public comment period that will impact the hub of California's water system and one of the largest estuaries in the world.

California's Bay-Delta system supplies drinking water for more than 22 million Californians and irrigation water for the state's \$24 billion agricultural industry. It supports more than 750 plant and animal species, some found nowhere else on earth. Years of conflict among urban, agricultural, environmental and other users have pushed the system to the brink of failure. CENTRAL VALLEY RESIDENTS HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- ➔ What will be the impact on local water quality?
- ➔ How might the efforts to restore the Bay-Delta ecosystem impact current constraints on exported water to farms and towns in the Central Valley?
- ➔ How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

WHEN Wednesday, April 29, 1998
6 p.m. Information Session/Question & Answers
7 p.m. Public Hearing

WHO Local residents, business owners and elected officials
Representatives from state and federal agencies listed below

WHERE Kern Agricultural Pavilion, 3300 East Belle Terrace, Bakersfield

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a collaborative effort among the state and federal governments and California's leading agricultural, urban and environmental interests to resolve the environmental and water management problems of the Bay-Delta system.

CALFED Agencies

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| <p>California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Resources Agency Department of Fish and Game Department of Water Resources California Environmental Protection Agency State Water Resources Control Board | <p>Federal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | <p>Department of Agriculture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Natural Resources Conservation Service Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service |
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