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MEDIA ADVISORY

For Wednesday, May 20

LOCAL RESIDENTS ADDRESS STATE, FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON WATER ISSUES

WHAT Tonight, Yuba City area residents will tell state and federal officials how they think the California Bay-Delta system should be managed, as 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. YUBA CITY COMMUNITIES HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- What kinds of assurances will there be to address the ability to continue to meet the water needs of local residents?
- How much will the solution cost, and who will pay?
- What will be the impact on local water quality?

WHEN Wednesday, May 20, 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 Veterans Memorial Building, 1425 Circle Drive, Yuba City

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.

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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
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