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MEDIA ADVISORY

For Wednesday, May 27

LOCAL RESIDENTS ADDRESS STATE, FEDERAL OFFICIALS ON WATER ISSUES

WHAT More than 200 Delta area residents are expected to tell state and federal officials how they think the California Bay-Delta system should be managed, part of a 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. DELTA AREA COMMUNITIES HAVE A PARTICULAR STAKE IN FINDING A BAY-DELTA SOLUTION, INCLUDING:

- ➔ What will be the impact on local water quality?
- ➔ What is the plan to stabilize the levee system?
- ➔ How much will the solution cost and who will pay?

WHEN Wednesday, May 27, 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 University of California Cooperative Extension, 420 S. Wilson Way, Stockton

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	Federal
The Resources Agency	Environmental Protection Agency
Department of Fish and Game	Department of the Interior
Department of Water Resources	Fish and Wildlife Service
California Environmental Protection Agency	Bureau of Reclamation
State Water Resources Control Board	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
	Department of Agriculture
	Natural Resources Conservation Service
	Department of Commerce
	National Marine Fisheries Service