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To: BDAC Members

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Subject: Upcoming BDAC Meeting

Attached is a draft agenda for the upcoming Bay-Delta Advisory Council meeting on **March 21, 1996**, to be held at the **Beverly Garland Hotel** in Sacramento, CA from **9:00 am to 4:00 pm**. There will be no informal educational session associated with the March BDAC Meeting.

Material will be sent to you by Friday, March 15, to help prepare you for the meeting. We apologize for the short review time for the meeting material, but our hectic schedule prevents us from being able to provide this material sooner.

The objective for this meeting is to encourage deliberation by BDAC members on specific issues that have been brought up by agencies, stakeholders and BDAC members. At the most recent workshop, and in the overall process of alternative development, several issues were identified that are critical components of every alternative. These issues need careful thought and deliberation by affected constituencies to ensure proper treatment in the alternatives and eventually in the analysis of the alternatives. The issues we have identified for discussion are specified in the draft agenda.

To ensure that we get beneficial guidance from BDAC members at the BDAC meetings, we have attempted to restructure the agenda to provide time for more discussion and deliberation, and for fewer presentations by CALFED staff. We recognize that we have reached a new level in the Program where guidance from BDAC members is critical to assist us in further defining the issues, providing options for resolving the issues and incorporating this material into the alternative development process. We also plan to present a strategy for addressing the issues and improving BDAC participation as we move forward into the analysis phase of the Program. We hope this restructuring will provide a more effective means for BDAC members to provide guidance and advice to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Included in the meeting package you receive at the end of the week will be the most recent versions of the draft Alternatives we are preparing as part of the Phase I Progress Report. The original 20 draft Alternatives from the Workshop 5 Information Package have

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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
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National Marine Fisheries Service

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been combined and synthesized into about 10 draft Alternatives. The objective of the Phase I Progress Report is to outline our process and summarize the draft Alternatives for the Scoping Process which officially begins in April. At the BDAC meeting, we hope to be able to present general costs of each draft Alternative, as well as comparisons of how well each draft Alternative meets the Program objectives.

Also included in the meeting package will be a summary of comments received concerning the 20 Alternatives, a summary of the major issues, and a strategy for addressing these issues.

As noted earlier, the BDAC meeting will begin promptly at 9 am and we hope to finish no later than 4 pm. We will again serve lunch to BDAC members to minimize the time needed for a lunch break. If you have not contacted Robin concerning travel, please do so as soon as possible.

Please be sure that you have the next BDAC meeting for **April 25, 1996, at the Sacramento Convention Center**, on your calender. We are also planning a field trip the previous day, on the afternoon of April 24 (from about 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm), to the Nature Conservancy Consumnes River Preserve to observe an excellent example of habitat restoration. Please try to make it to this event if at all possible.

Attachment