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To: BDAC Assurances Work Group Members and Invited Participants

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Subject: Assurances March 18, 1997 Workshop

Provided below is a brief description of the Assurances Workshop, now scheduled for March 18, 1997. This workshop has been moved from its tentative date in early February due to scheduling conflicts with other Program component workshops.

Staff members have been planning this workshop for the last month and want to apprise the Work Group of our progress. We welcome any comments or questions on the workshop at the December 13, 1996 Work Group meeting.

Workshop Purpose

The purpose of the workshop is to introduce a broader cross-section of stakeholders, agency staff and members of the general public to the issues raised in trying to assure that the final Bay-Delta solution will be implemented and operated as agreed. In addition, the workshop is intended to educate all participants about how Assurances fit into Phase II of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Workshop Objectives

The four main objectives for the workshop are:

- Educate the public on assurances issues.
- Identify stakeholder constituencies.
- Solicit stakeholder and constituency support for the list of Stakeholder Concerns and Assurance Tools or Methods identified by the Work Group.
- Discuss, in detail, assurance issues presented by a case study alternative.

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
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

Workshop Planning

We currently anticipate a three-hour workshop in Sacramento from 9 a.m. - noon on March 18, 1997, followed by a Work Group meeting that afternoon. The preliminary workshop agenda is as follows:

- Welcome and Introductions
- Review of Stakeholder Concerns
- Overview of Assurance Tools and Methods
- Case Study description
- Case Study discussion
- Wrap up and next steps

We are particularly interested in whether the workshop should be organized so the entire group stays together, or broken into smaller groups in order to discuss the case study. Your suggestions are appreciated.

In addition, we are particularly concerned that all appropriate constituencies be contacted about this workshop. Please notify the CALFED staff of any constituencies who are not regularly represented at the work group or BDAC meetings.