



Memorandum

Date: May 28, 1998

To: Watershed Stakeholders

From: Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Subject: Watershed Management Workshop

Thank you for your interest and attendance at the CALFED Watershed Management Program Stakeholder Meetings, April 23, 1998 and April 30, 1998. In addition, we are very impressed with the large stakeholder participation at the Bay Delta Advisory Council meeting on May 14, 1998. In all, there is currently over 900 watershed stakeholders on our list and over 100 persons signed up to participate on the Watershed Management Program Work Group. The geographic area covering watersheds draining to the Bay Delta and the diversity of interests are extensive.

We received many valuable comments at the two stakeholder meetings and at the BDAC meeting. Attached is a comprehensive summary of the stakeholder comments. If we have missed something, please do not hesitate to notify us. It is important that we capture your comments accurately. Our plan is to use these comments in the fact finding process to help develop detail for the Watershed Management Strategy and to help develop the Watershed Management Implementation Framework.

Given the diversity of stakeholder interests, the large number of stakeholders, and the time schedule for production of the revised Programmatic EIS/R, we are evaluating the structure needed for a Work Group, the relationship of the group to our existing CALFED Bay Delta Advisory Council, and the mechanisms for an adequate outreach approach.

Therefore, the June 10 and 11 Watershed Management Work Group meetings have been canceled in order to develop a preliminary framework or action plan for guiding the Work Group and to evaluate our outreach approach.

It is planned that by late June or July, we will have one or two workshops and we will send out notices to all the watershed stakeholders notifying them of the time and place. We apologize for any inconvenience the cancellation may have caused.

If you need further information, please contact me or Judy Heath at (916) 657-2666.

Attachment (Stakeholder Comments - Summary)

CALFED Agencies

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California Environmental Protection Agency
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