

CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM

Office Memorandum

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To: Lester Snow
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From: Mary Selkirk 

Subject: Outcomes from September 10th Meeting with Environmental Justice Organizations, Oakland

As a result of our meeting last Friday with several Bay area environmental justice organizations, the following outcomes or actions were proposed.

- **Urban Watersheds**

1. Lester stated that CALFED welcomes input and advice from urban watershed groups in CALFED's Watershed Program. To initiate that process CALFED will convene one of the upcoming meetings of its BDAC Watershed Program Work Group in the Bay area.
2. The meeting participants committed to work with CALFED staff to get maximum participation in a proposed workshop devoted to urban watershed issues.

- **BDAC Participation**

1. Lester committed to exploring the possibility of adding some number of environmental justice representatives to the Bay-Delta Advisory Council. He advised that the most direct potential environmental justice impacts will be on rural farmworkers. The meeting participants committed to doing a search for people in their community who may be interested in participating in BDAC.
2. The proposal to add environmental justice members to BDAC will be raised and discussed at the next BDAC meeting, which will take place in Red Bluff on Friday, September 17th.

- **Response to the June 23rd Letter**

1. Lester committed to providing a written response to the letter submitted by environmental justice organizations to Secretary Babbitt and Governor Davis on June 23rd.

- **Request for Non-English Capability at Future Public Hearings**

1. CALFED will forward this request to its public affairs staff.

Arlene Wong of the Pacific Institute and I have agreed to communicate regarding follow-up on these outcomes.

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