



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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At its meeting held August 18, 1998, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"Our State has a diverse economy with many different types of water users, each having equally important needs for the State's water. Southern California currently faces a water supply, reliability problem that threatens its diverse economy, and our water needs will continue to increase significantly in the future as our population continues to grow.

"Two-thirds of Southern California's water supply is dependent on sources outside our region and the San Francisco Bay-Sacramento Delta is a significant source of this import water supply. Southern California remains heavily dependent upon a reliable and safe water supply from this region. It also recognizes the importance of local supplies and has been a leader in the development of demand management and water recycling programs.

"A lack of investment in the Bay-Delta system has resulted in the degradation and declining health of the estuary and has reduced Southern California's water supply quality.

"With the reliability of water supplies for California's future at stake, a joint Federal and State program (CALFED) was formed to develop a long-term comprehensive plan to restore the ecological health, and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system.

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"After three years, CALFED has developed and refined, through public workshops, technical work groups and advisory council and an interagency team, three alternatives which are undergoing a programmatic environmental review.

"Each of these alternatives comprises six common programs: ecosystem restoration, water use efficiency, water quality, improved Delta levees, watershed management, and water transfers.

"All three alternatives share the same goals in restoring the Bay-Delta ecosystem while improving the quality and reliability of supplies. Each proposal includes additional water storage facilities. The proposals differ in how each proposes to store and move water across the Delta. Alternative One would essentially reoperate the current Delta water supply system to minimize environmental impacts. Alternative Two uses the existing system but with significant modifications to Delta channels to further reduce environmental impacts. Alternative Three builds on the second alternative and adds a new isolated canal to divert water around the Delta.

"CALFED will now be focusing on selecting a preferred program alternative, and this selection will determine the long-term reliability and quality of water available to Southern California.

"The water resources of the State should be developed in a manner that protects the natural resources of the State and also supplies the urban and agricultural users with an adequate, reliable and safe water supply in a manner that supports California's economic growth.

"Alternative Three appears to provide the greatest range of advantages to all Delta users. It has the potential to provide additional benefits in ecosystem restoration, and in particular to the Delta dependent fisheries. To us in Southern California, it provides the water quality and water supply reliability that will help support our economic growth."

David Gerstwin, representing the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, addressed the Board.

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After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried (Supervisors Molina and Burke being absent), the Board took the following actions:

- a. Went on record in support of the six common program elements of CALFED, a joint Federal and State program to develop a long-term comprehensive plan to restore the ecological health, and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system, which includes, ecosystem restoration, water use efficiency, water quality, improved Delta levees, watershed management and water transfers;**
- b. Agreed to participate in meaningful measures to implement reasonable and cost effective demand management strategies;**
- c. Thanked the local water communities for their efforts and investments in the development and use of recycled water and further encouraged them to develop new opportunities for use of recycled water; and**
- d. Endorsed the CALFED Preferred Alternative Three, that will provide a reliable, high quality water supply to Southern California and at the same time, provide for a comprehensive solution to the ecosystem of the Bay-Delta.**

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