

**City of San Jose Comments  
CALFED Phase II Public Workshop  
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**Opening statement (~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~)**

On behalf of the City of San Jose, I thank you and your staff for coming here to update our community on the progress of the CALFED program. Tonight, we would like to share a few observations on the status of the program, to take the opportunity to check in with CALFED regarding our reading of the conclusions of the revised Phase 2 Interim Report, and, finally, share some questions we have about how the CALFED program would affect the City's interests.

***Background***

The City, in partnership with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, seven wastewater treatment plant tributary agencies, and its South Bay Water Recycling partners, manages and conserves its imported water supply to serve its current population and absorb the future growth forecasted in the San Jose 2020 General Plan. We also have a considerable stake in the Santa Clara Basin Watershed Management Initiative, a regional non-point source pollution prevention and ecosystem restoration effort. Taken altogether, the City has made a commitment to harmonizing the functions of housing, transporting, and serving its urban population and to restore the natural systems that its residents value.

***Observations on the CALFED Program***

City officials have closely observed and participated in the CALFED Phase 2 program development process, including BDAC and various working groups. During this time, we have seen a prospective middle ground, or area of consensus on "management opportunities", emerge between the competing interests in future development and preservation of Bay-Delta water resources in the form of the preferred alternative. The program described in the Phase 2 report promises to put dollars and institutional muscle behind an integrated, scientifically-informed, and publically responsive approach to managing the bulk of the State's water supply on the demand and supply sides. It seems, however, that an integrated program will require unprecedented cooperation, trust, and adjustments to be made by all stakeholders. Public involvement, including outreach to local governments and the state and federal legislators, is essential for forging a consensus behind the preferred program.

***The City's Understanding of the Preferred Program***

Since the last CALFED public meeting in San Jose on June, 1998, it is the City's understanding that CALFED has, in its Phase 2 Interim Report:

- (1) Committed to a final program, to be implemented in 3 ten-year stages, from a menu of 3 alternatives.

- (2) Decided to implement a series of experimental management-oriented actions in the Stage 1 "common program"; a package that includes operational changes to water export facilities, increased funding and technical support for water conservation and water recycling, watershed-based pollution prevention and ecosystem restoration efforts, support for water banking and transfers, and the development of below-ground storage reservoirs.
- (3) Recommended new storage facilities, with a decision on the location, type, and capacity of storage facilities to be made before Stage 1 ends in year 2007.
- (4) Made the need for conveyance facilities contingent on the performance of the "common program" (with new storage) during Stage 1.
- (5) Adopted an "adaptive management" approach to monitor the results of the Stage 1 program and use the results as a basis to make adjustments to the preferred program.
- (6) Increased the scope and budget of its watershed management program to address upstream water quality improvement needs.

### *Questions*

- Water supply — Under the proposed decision, what, if any, changes in the quality, quantity and overall reliability (during wet and dry years) of the water imported from the State Water Project, Central Valley Project, and Hetch-Hetchy systems into the Santa Clara valley are projected to occur? How can we obtain these projections and assurances? Would the Stage 1 actions be expected to affect the wholesale price of water? By how much?
- Water conservation and recycling-- CALFED's estimates of future water savings due to conservation and recycling have been criticized as being too conservative. What actions will CALFED take to address this concern during Stage 1?
- Future of City's investment in water recycling— Would prospective changes to the management of imported water supplies due to the implementation of the preferred CALFED strategy affect the City's interest in increasing the regional customer base for recycled water? In what ways?
- Adaptive management and the durability of the CALFED solution — How will the performance of the water conservation and recycling programs be measured? What are the decision-making criteria for new storage facilities in Stage 1 and conveyance facilities in Stage 2?
- Watershed Management—Specifically, what kinds of future support is the CALFED watershed management program proposing for watershed-based pollution prevention programs?

Thank you, Mr. Ritchie and CALFED staff, for coming to San Jose. We look forward to working with you to make the CALFED program a local and statewide success!