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**Top State and Federal Officials to Provide Year-End  
Review of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program**

Assistant Secretary of Interior Bennett Raley and California Secretary for Resources Mary D. Nichols will join representatives of nearly two dozen state and federal agencies in Sacramento on Wednesday for a review of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's first year of implementation.

The CALFED Policy Group will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 12 in Room 204 of the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J St.

Nichols and Raley, the Interior Department's Assistant Secretary for Water and Science, co-chair the Policy Group, which is comprised of top officials of CALFED's participating agencies. The Policy Group provides direction to the CALFED Program to ensure that decisions and actions are consistent with the goals and objectives of the member agencies.

The Policy Group will hear reports from:

- Members of the new Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee on their first meeting this week. The committee will provide valuable public oversight of Program activities.
- CALFED Director Patrick Wright, who will discuss the Program's accomplishments and finances as it moves from planning to carrying out the ambitious Bay-Delta Plan, which was adopted in August 2000.
- CALFED Lead Scientist Sam Luoma on the CALFED Science Program, which provides an independent scientific evaluation of CALFED activities, from ecosystem restoration to the Environmental Water Account.
- And officials from the State Water Project and the federal Central Valley Project on their forecasts for the 2002 water year.

"As it completes its first full year of implementation, the CALFED Program is building a strong track record in several key areas," Wright said.

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