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Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee to Meet June 5 in Sacramento
Progress on CALFED Bay-Delta Program, Colorado River Issues to be Discussed

Sacramento – The Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet June 5 in Sacramento to discuss implementation plans for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and coordination with the newly created California Bay-Delta Authority.

The advisory committee is a citizens group created to advise state and federal agencies on implementation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, a collaborative effort to improve the quality and reliability of California’s water supplies while restoring the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem. The Program is in its third year of implementing a 30-year plan to address water supply and ecosystem problems in the Bay-Delta and its watershed.

A new state agency, the California Bay-Delta Authority, was created by the Legislature last year to oversee implementation of the Program. The Authority is expected to convene its first meeting this summer.

The June 5 advisory committee meeting will include discussion of program plans for 2003-'04 and several key milestones expected in the coming months. CALFED agencies are facing decision points on an array of critical programs, including increased Delta pumping by the State Water Project, new operations criteria and biological opinions for the state and federal water projects, and potential new surface water storage projects.

Also on the agenda is a panel discussion on efforts to reach agreement on a plan to reduce California’s use of Colorado River water. Panelists will include Ron Gastelum, chief executive officer of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California; David Guy, advisory committee member and executive director of the Northern California Water Association; Richard Katz, member of the State Water Resources Control Board; and Maureen Stapleton, advisory committee member and general manager of San Diego County Water Authority. The discussion will be moderated by Steve Hall, advisory committee member and executive director of the Association of California Water Agencies.

The meeting will be held at 650 Capitol Mall, 5th floor, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Meeting details and additional information are available at the CALFED website at <http://calwater.ca.gov/BDPAC/BDPAC.shtml>.

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The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort of more than 20 state and federal agencies working with local communities to improve the quality and reliability of California’s water supplies and revive the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem. The Bay-Delta plan is the largest, most comprehensive water management effort in the nation.

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