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## **Interior Secretary Appoints New Members to CALFED Advisory Committee**

Sacramento – Interior Secretary Gale Norton, in consultation with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, has appointed eight new members to the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee. Established in 2001, the committee is charged with advising federal agencies on all aspects of CALFED Bay-Delta Program implementation. The members represent an array of environmental, water, tribal and civic organizations and provide a key link among the 25 state and federal CALFED agencies, stakeholders and the public.

"We are pleased to see these new members joining the committee," said Jason Peltier, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science. This is an exciting and challenging time for the CALFED program and the constructive engagement of the committee members will contribute in large measure to assuring that we move forward on a common-sense path of implementation," Peltier said.

The new members are:

- **Patricia Acosta**, Board Member, Water Replenishment District of Southern California
- **Ronald Jacobsma**, General Manager, Friant Water Authority
- **Steve Johnson**, Director of California Strategic Initiatives, The Nature Conservancy, California Chapter
- **Lillian Kawasaki**, Assistant General Manager of Environmental Affairs and Economic Development, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

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- **Steve Macaulay**, Executive Director, California Urban Water Agencies
- **Don Marciochi**, General Manager, Grassland Water District
- **Rudolph Rosen**, Director, Western Regional Office, Ducks Unlimited
- **Walter Wadlow**, Chief Operating Officer, Santa Clara Valley Water District

“These new members join us at a critical time as we work to ensure that the Delta remains both a reliable source for much of the state’s water supply and an ecological treasure,” said Committee chair Gary Hunt. “Coming in the wake of Congressional reauthorization last fall, these appointments further demonstrate a commitment by the federal government to work collaboratively and openly with us to resolve some of this state’s long standing water issues,” Hunt said.

In addition to the 30-member federal advisory committee that meets every two months, there are nine subcommittees that meet monthly and focus on specific aspects of the broad CALFED Program. The California Bay-Delta Authority, the state agency charged with oversight of the CALFED Program, includes a representative of the advisory committee in addition to appointed public members and high-level officials from both state and federal agencies and the state Legislature.

“This structure ensures that there is accountability and transparency to the recommendations made by the Committee and the decisions made by the California Bay-Delta Authority and the various state and federal implementing agencies,” said Authority Director Patrick Wright.

More information about the advisory committee and the Authority is available at <http://calwater.ca.gov/>.

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The California 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.