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(916) 445-0065**CALFED SCIENCE CONFERENCE SET FOR OCT. 4-6**
Event to Highlight Latest Developments in Bay-Delta Science

Sacramento – The third biennial CALFED Bay-Delta Program Science Conference is set for October 4-6 at the Sacramento Convention Center. The event is expected to draw more than 1,000 researchers and scientists to discuss the latest developments in areas such as mercury contamination, fish protection, levee integrity, water quality and ecosystem restoration.

The opening day's plenary session will feature presentations by several prominent scientists working on Bay-Delta issues. Presenters will include the California Bay-Delta Authority's lead scientist Dr. Johnnie Moore, UC Davis Professor Jeff Mount, who will address levee vulnerability in the Delta, and UC Davis Professor Peter Moyle, who will examine the future of California's inland fish populations. Other topics in the plenary session include mercury contamination and ecosystem restoration.

Dr. Moore, lead scientist for the California Bay-Delta Authority, said the three-day conference provides a forum to discuss some of the most important science questions facing California's water supply system. "One of the Authority's most important goals is improving the scientific basis for water policy in the state," Moore said. "The scope of this conference reflects our commitment to do that by sharing the latest information with the broad community of scientists, engineers, managers and stakeholders working on Bay-Delta-related issues."

In addition to the plenary session, the conference will feature more than 200 individual presentations on topics such as fish screens, water quality, sediment, invasive species and climate change. A poster session where more than 180 posters with detailed information will be presented is available.

The CALFED Program is the only large-scale water management and ecosystem restoration program in the country with an independent science program and a lead scientist providing the latest scientific findings directly to decision-makers and stakeholders.

Registration is available at the door. The 3-day registration fee is \$165 and single day fee is \$65; both include lunch. A student rate of \$50 for all three days or \$25 for a single day also is available.

More information on the Science Conference Program is available at <http://iep.water.ca.gov/calfed/sciconf/2004/>.

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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.