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California Bay-Delta Authority Board Names New Independent Science Board for CALFED

Twelve distinguished scientists and engineers from throughout the nation today were named by the California Bay-Delta Authority to a new Independent Science Board (ISB). The Authority, the state agency that provides oversight to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, approved the panel after members were nominated by Authority Lead Scientist Dr. Johnnie Moore.

“While the Independent Science Board does not pass direct judgment on CALFED programs, its insights on the science of those efforts and on the Delta will help make the programs the best they can be,” said Dr. Moore.

As a standing board of distinguished experts, the ISB provides a balanced view of science issues underlying important policy decisions in the Delta. Its members serve as advisors to the Authority and the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee. The terms of the agency’s prior science board members had expired, necessitating the creation of the new ISB.

[Jeffrey F. Mount, Ph.D.](#), Professor of Geology at the University of California, Davis, has been named as the board’s chair. He is author of the acclaimed book, *California Rivers and Streams*, and the current Roy J. Shlemon Endowed Chair in Applied Geosciences at U.C. Davis, where he also directs the University’s Watershed Center.

Joining Dr. Mount on the ISB are:

- [Antonio Baptista, Ph.D.](#), Head of the Department of Environmental and Biomolecular Systems, Oregon Graduate Institute School of Science and Engineering, Oregon Health and Science University;
- [William Glaze, Ph.D.](#), Professor Emeritus, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill;
- [Peter Goodwin, Ph.D.](#), P.E., the DeVlieg Presidential Professor, Department of Civil Engineering, University of Idaho;
- [Michael Healy, Ph.D.](#), Professor, Institute for Resources, Environmental and Sustainability, University of British Columbia;

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- [Jack Keller, Ph.D.](#), P.E., Principal, Keller-Bliesner Engineering and Professor Emeritus, Utah State University;
- [Daene McKinney, Ph.D.](#), Professor, Environmental and Water Resources Engineering Program, University of Texas at Austin;
- [Judith Meyer, Ph.D.](#), Director, River Basin Science and Policy Center, and Research Professor of Ecology, University of Georgia;
- [Richard Norgaard, Ph.D.](#), Professor, Energy and Resources Group of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Berkeley;
- [Duncan Patten, Ph.D.](#), Research Professor, Montana State University;
- [Paul Smith, Ph.D.](#), Adjunct Professor, Scripps Institute of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego; and
- [Robert Twiss, Ph.D.](#), Professor, Graduate Center for Environmental Design Research, University of California, Berkeley.

The board's composition is designed to provide the necessary expertise to cover the breadth of issues addressed by CALFED, including water supply reliability, water quality, ecosystem restoration and levee stability. The California Bay-Delta Authority Act requires the board's membership to include balances of individuals with a range of multi-disciplinary expertise, those with local experience, and those with relevant outside expertise. Additionally, the ISB is called for in the CALFED Record of Decision of August 2000 and is charged with ensuring application of world-class science to the California Bay-Delta system.

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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.