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***CALIFORNIA RESOURCES SECRETARY MARY NICHOLS TO HEADLINE
BAY-DELTA SCIENCE CONFERENCE***

Sacramento – California Resources Secretary Mary D. Nichols will give the opening remarks at the CALFED Bay-Delta Program’s Second Biennial Science Conference at the Sacramento Convention Center January 14–16, 2003.

The opening plenary session also features several distinguished speakers from Florida, Oregon, and California on ecosystem restoration and the role of science in water policy. Nearly 1,000 scientists and water leaders are expected to attend the three-day conference, and over 175 papers will be presented. A poster board area with detailed information on over 100 projects is available during the conference in Exhibit Hall E.

“The tremendous growth of this conference is a testament to the depth and breadth of CALFED’s commitment to science,” said CALFED Director Patrick Wright. “The CALFED Science Program has now firmly established itself as a strong, independent voice for improving the scientific basis for water policy in the state.”

The CALFED Program supports a science-based approach to achieving its goals of ensuring water supply reliability, good water quality, healthy ecosystems, and levee system integrity in the Delta. It 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.

For more information on the Science Conference Program and registration, go to <http://www.iep.ca.gov/calfed/sciconf/2003/index.htm>.

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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 CALFED strategic plan is the largest, most comprehensive water management effort in the nation.

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