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CALFED SELECTS LEAD SCIENTIST

Sacramento – The CALFED Bay-Delta Program announced today the selection of Dr. Samuel N. Luoma as the Lead Scientist for the CALFED Science Program. Dr. Luoma has accepted an 18-month interim position with CALFED to oversee the scientific aspects of the program.

“Dr. Luoma is a very accomplished scientist with a distinguished reputation. His knowledge and background will be invaluable assets in developing CALFED’s Science Program,” said CALFED acting Director Steve Ritchie.

Dr. Luoma comes to the Program from the Department of Interior’s U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). For the past 25 years, he has conducted research in the San Francisco Bay, the estuaries of the United Kingdom, and the Clark River of Montana with a focus on the fate, bioavailability, and effects of metal contaminants in estuaries. His work on this project has resulted in more than 130 publications in peer-reviewed scientific literature.

From 1985 to 1987, he was Chief of the Branch of Western Region Research at USGS, and in 1989 he received the Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. Department of the Interior – the highest award given by that cabinet department. In 1984, he authored a textbook, “Introduction to Environmental Issues.” He is currently the editor of the international scientific journal, “Marine Environmental Research,” and an editorial advisor to “Marine Ecology Progress Series,” in addition to his ongoing research duties.

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As CALFED begins to implement its program, the Science Program will focus on ecosystem restoration activities including design of effective monitoring, targeted research, and development of priorities. The Science Program will be conducted in an open and collaborative manner to allow and encourage involvement of stakeholder and academic science communities. The Program can serve as a science clearinghouse for the CALFED agencies and as a means of resolving scientific disputes. CALFED intends to invest approximately \$300 million in the science program during the first seven years of implementation.

Dr. Luoma's appointment fulfills the action to hire an interim lead scientist by October 2000 in the CALFED Bay-Delta framework water action plan approved by Governor Davis and U.S. Secretary of the Interior Babbitt in June 2000.

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