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### CALFED MEETS FIRST YEAR GOALS AND COMMITMENTS

Sacramento – California Resources Secretary Mary Nichols and U.S. Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary David Hayes announced today that the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is meeting all of its commitments for the year 2000, and has approved a budget of over \$800 million for the first year of implementation. Today’s announcement will be made at the final meeting this year of top officials from the 21 CALFED agencies in Sacramento.

"I applaud CALFED's achievements. CALFED is on track to meet its milestones, setting a firm foundation for a balanced approach to solving the way California manages its water," said Resources Secretary Mary Nichols.

“I am pleased that Governor Davis and the state of California are stepping up to the plate and helping to implement the CALFED process so vigorously. We have had a remarkable partnership on this vital issue, which is so key to California’s future,” said Bruce Babbitt, Secretary of the Interior.

The CALFED Agencies are expected to approve all of the end-of-year milestones and commitments established in the Framework Agreement and Record of Decision announced last summer by Governor Davis and DOI Secretary Bruce Babbitt. The Program’s accomplishments include:

- Awarding over \$200 million from Proposition 13 for short-term water supply and water quality improvements, including groundwater recharge and management projects, irrigation system improvements, and grants and loans for water conservation and recycling.
- Developing an innovative Environmental Water Account (EWA) to improve conditions for Delta fisheries while providing assurances of water supply reliability for Delta exporters.

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#### CALFED Agencies

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**California**

The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
The Reclamation Board  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board  
Department of Food and Agriculture  
Delta Protection Commission

**Federal**

Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Geological Survey  
Bureau of Land Management  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
U.S. Forest Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Western Area Power Administration

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- Establishing a single blueprint for environmental restoration in the Bay-Delta system and recommending approval of over \$100 million for 74 new ecosystem restoration projects.
- Signing an agreement with local partners to plan and evaluate the Sites Reservoir storage project in the Sacramento Valley.

“We understand that our credibility depends upon meeting the aggressive milestones and commitments in the plan,” said CALFED Director Patrick Wright, “and we intend to deliver.”

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program was established in 1995 to develop a balanced, comprehensive plan restore ecological health and improve water supply reliability in the Bay-Delta system. On June 9, 2000, Governor Davis and Secretary Babbitt released the “California’s Water Future: A Framework for Action.” The Framework, together with the Record of Decision issued on August 28, sets forth the goals, milestones, and commitments for the first seven years of implementation. The \$8.6 billion Program is the largest, most comprehensive water management plan in the nation.

For more information or documents in support of ROD commitments, visit <http://calfed.ca.gov>, and click on “What’s New.” Attached is a list of CALFED accomplishments for this year.

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