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CALFED APPROVES RESTORATION PROJECTS FOR 2001

Sacramento - The CALFED Bay-Delta Program Policy Group, co-chaired by U.S. Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Hayes and California Resources Agency Secretary Mary Nichols approved funding for 74 restoration projects in the Bay-Delta estuary and its watershed. Funding for the projects totals over \$104 million with funds from Propositions 13 and 204, and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

"The CALFED Program holds the promise of moving forward with simultaneous improvements in the needs that all Californians have for a healthy environment, good water quality and an adequate water supply," said Deputy Secretary of the Interior David Hayes.

"CALFED has done a remarkable job this year and these ecosystem restoration projects are another demonstration of the Program's commitment to a balanced approach of restoring the Bay-Delta ecosystem and improving water management," said Resources Secretary Mary Nichols.

Out of 139 proposals received, 74 were selected through a rigorous technical and scientific public solicitation process that included agencies, stakeholders, and the public. Types of projects funded include habitat restoration, education, fish screens, and focused research and monitoring projects designed to provide information that will improve future restoration efforts.

To date, over \$256 million in state, federal and stakeholder funds and cost-sharing agreements have been awarded for 266 projects. The next request for proposals for projects in 2002 will be announced early next year.

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CALFED Agencies

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| <b>California</b><br>The Resources Agency<br>Department of Fish and Game<br>Department of Water Resources<br>The Reclamation Board<br>California Environmental Protection Agency<br>State Water Resources Control Board<br>Department of Food and Agriculture<br>Delta Protection Commission | <b>Federal</b><br>Environmental Protection Agency<br>Department of the Interior<br>Fish and Wildlife Service<br>Bureau of Reclamation<br>U.S. Geological Survey<br>Bureau of Land Management<br>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers | Department of Agriculture<br>Natural Resources Conservation Service<br>U.S. Forest Service<br>Department of Commerce<br>National Marine Fisheries Service<br>Western Area Power Administration |
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The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort among state and federal agencies and California's environmental, urban, and agricultural communities. It was initiated in 1995 to develop a long-term strategy to restore environmental health and resolve water management problems in the Bay-Delta system, an intricate web of waterways created at the junction of the San Francisco Bay and the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and the watershed that feeds them.

On June 9, 2000, the Governor of California and the Secretary of the Interior released "California's Water Future: A Framework for Action." The Framework confirmed the selection of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's Preferred Program Alternative, identified priorities for the first seven years of implementation, and identified additional complementary actions. The Framework, along with the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Report set forth the actions, direction, and laid the foundation for the first seven years of implementation for the Program.

On August 28, 2000, the leadership of the CALFED agencies signed the Record of Decision - formal approval of a long-term plan for restoring the Bay-Delta ecosystem and improving water management. The ROD outlines commitments by the state and federal governments, and performance goals for the Program. Completion of the ROD signified the beginning of 30 years of Program implementation.

For a brief summary of each approved project, go to:  
[http://calfed.ca.gov/adobe\\_pdf/funded\\_proposals.pdf](http://calfed.ca.gov/adobe_pdf/funded_proposals.pdf). Additional information about the CALFED Program and ecosystem restoration projects can be found at <http://calfed.ca.gov>.

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