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**CALFED WATERSHED PROGRAM LOOKING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS**

Sacramento – To implement the CALFED Bay-Delta Program’s Watershed Program, the Department of Water Resources is looking to fund community-based watershed management projects in California that support the Bay-Delta system. The first CALFED Proposal Solicitation Package to support watersheds is now available with responses due by February 23, 2001.

The following informational workshops will be held to assist and encourage applicants:

**January 29**

4:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Redding Civic Center  
Community Room  
777 Cypress Avenue  
**Redding**

**January 31**

9:00 a.m. to noon  
Cultural Center at Ulatis  
Community Center  
1000 Ulatis Drive  
**Vacaville**

**February 2**

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Ted C. Wills Community  
Center  
770 N. San Pablo  
**Fresno**

**February 6**

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
LA River Center and Gardens, Mountains,  
Recreation and Conservation Authority  
570 West Avenue 26, Suite 100  
**Los Angeles**

**February 7**

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Placer County Water Agency  
144 Ferguson Road  
**Auburn**

Any private or public party with an interest in the management of watersheds providing water to or receiving water from the Bay-Delta system are encouraged to apply. The full PSP is available on the CALFED web site at: [www.baydeltawatershed.org](http://www.baydeltawatershed.org).

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**CALFED Agencies**

**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

The Watershed Program was established as an aid to achieving the overarching goal of the CALFED agencies to restore ecological health and improve water management by working with the community at a watershed level. The Watershed Program uses a comprehensive, integrated, basin-wide approach to help improve conditions in the Bay-Delta system, emphasizing local participation and government cooperation at all levels.

The goals of the Watershed Program are to provide assistance, both financial and technical, for watershed activities that help achieve the mission and overall objectives of CALFED, and to promote collaboration and integration among existing and future local watershed programs.

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. The Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement and Report issued in July and the Record of Decision issued in August set forth the goals, milestones, and commitments for the first seven years of implementation. The Plan is the largest, most comprehensive water management plan in the nation.

Any questions regarding the Watershed PSP should be directed to John Lowrie at the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155, Sacramento, CA 95814, or (916) 657-2666.

For more information about the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, visit the web site at <http://calfed.ca.gov>.

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