



## Grants Will Improve Drinking Water for Millions of Californians

In late March, Department of Water Resources Director Tom Hannigan approved grants providing nearly \$6.7 million in state funding to 11 CALFED projects aimed at improving the quality and safety of drinking water throughout California.

The projects will be implemented in Southern California, the Bay Area and the Central Valley, and range from evaluating new treatment technologies to pollution reduction and watershed improvements. Applicants will contribute another \$3 million in funds.

The projects were reviewed by CALFED's Drinking Water Quality Program, which received 22 applications seeking more than \$17 million.

"These projects represent a significant investment in the quality and safety of California's drinking water supplies," said CALFED Program Director Patrick Wright. "All of the applications received the highest level of scientific and technical scrutiny, and we are confident we have selected the best projects."

A science panel and a selection panel reviewed all of the applications. More than 40 people were involved in the review process, representing stakeholders and CALFED agencies and staff.

The goal of the Drinking Water Quality Program is to provide safe, reliable, and affordable drinking water to the 22 million Californians who rely on the Bay-Delta watershed for all or part of their drinking water. The program promotes cost-effective improvements in source water quality, advancements in treatment technology, and innovations in water management.

The Drinking Water Quality Program issued its Proposal Solicitation Package – a request for proposals — on May 15, 2001, held a public workshop on

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## Comment Period for Ecosystem Restoration Grant Recommendations

In the last newsletter (Jan. 02), an article covered the ecosystem grant process currently under way and the sharp increase in requests. On April 11, a public workshop was held to announce the recommendations and triggered a 30-day public comment period. The proposals have gone through a rigorous review process, and the projects recommended for funding as an outcome of that process can be viewed at

[http://calfed.water.ca.gov/ecosystem\\_resp.html](http://calfed.water.ca.gov/ecosystem_resp.html)

Written comments will be accepted until May 10, 2002, and can be mailed to:

CALFED Bay-Delta Program, ERP,  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155,  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **The final selections will be announced after these steps:**

**APRIL 11** After finishing the proposal review, the Selection Panel presented its initial recommendations at a public workshop. The 30-day public comment period began and project reviews are available on the web.

**MAY 10, 3:00 PM** Public comment period ends and written comments are due.

**LATE MAY** The selection panel considers written comments and provides their final recommendations at another public workshop.

**LATE MAY** Final recommendations are forwarded to the CALFED agencies Management Group and funding agencies for approval.

If you have questions, please contact Dan Ray at (916) 653-0198 or [dray@water.ca.gov](mailto:dray@water.ca.gov).

# Committee Update

The Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BD PAC) met at the Sacramento Convention Center on March 12 for a full day of discussion and updates on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program including budgets, federal authorization, and governance.

The morning session included updates from the new subcommittees on their priorities and measures for success in the current year.

The afternoon included a visit from Senator Jim Costa with a good discussion on his new Governance legislation (SB 1653) that would create a permanent CALFED Bay-Delta Commission. Senator Costa wanted to hear the views from the 28-member committee on how agency and stakeholder participation should be represented on the proposed commission and received several recommendations. The BD PAC represents virtually all regions of the state and a variety of environmental, urban, agricultural, Tribal and community interests.

The next BD PAC meeting will be in June. Watch the public calendar on our web site for details: <http://calfed.water.ca.gov/>



*Seeking input from the committee members on how agency and stakeholder participation should be represented, Senator Jim Costa discusses his new Governance legislation (SB 1653) that would create a permanent CALFED Bay-Delta Commission.*

<i>The Bay-Delta Public Advisory Subcommittees</i>
Delta Levee Habitat Subcommittee
Drinking Water Quality Subcommittee
Ecosystem Subcommittee
Environmental Justice Subcommittee
Steering Committee Subcommittee
Water Use Efficiency Subcommittee
Watershed Subcommittee
Water Supply Subcommittee



*Gary Hunt, Patrick Wright and Mary Nichols discuss budgets, federal authorization and governance of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program at the full day Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee meeting on March 12 in Sacramento.*

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## We Want Your Comments on the 2001 Annual Report

Did you receive your copy of the 2001 Annual Report in January? If you did, please answer the following questions and mail, fax, or email your survey results. We **want** to hear from you to enable us to provide timely, useful information and events.

1. Did you find the Annual Report useful in understanding the CALFED Bay-Delta Program?
2. What part of the Annual Report did you like best?
3. What part did you like the least?
4. Overall rating of the Annual Report (circle one):
  - Excellent
  - Good
  - Average
  - Below average
  - Poor
5. Additional comments:

Please mail, fax or email your survey results.

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If you did not receive the 2001 Annual Report in January, please contact us and we'll mail one to you, or you can view it on the web at:

<http://calfed.ca.gov>

## New Information Tool Available on the Web

Interested in more than just quarterly updates about the CALFED Program? If so, the new monthly e-newsletter is just the tool for you. The first edition that debuted in March, and the April edition can be found on the Program's web site under the "What's New" button.

The monthly publication will cover a variety of topics including budget updates, legislation, and Program happenings.

Sign up to be notified electronically when updates are posted on the web at:

[http://calfed.water.ca.gov/request\\_forms  
newsletter\\_mailing\\_list](http://calfed.water.ca.gov/request_forms_newsletter_mailing_list)

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June 8, 2001, and closed the application period on July 3, 2001.

Grant recipient David Okita, General Manager for the Solano County Water Agency, echoed the goals of the Program through his comments on their approved project.

"Our CALFED grant to study an alternate intake location for the North Bay Aqueduct combined with a prior Prop 204 grant to implement pilot land use Best Management Practices in the watershed has the potential to greatly improve the drinking water quality for residents of Solano and Napa County. The alternate intake would also help the endangered Delta Smelt by allowing pumping at another location when the Smelt are present at the current intake location," Okita said.

For a detailed lists of the projects and a map for project locations, visit our web site at:

[http://calfed.water.ca.gov/programs/  
drining\\_water.html](http://calfed.water.ca.gov/programs/drining_water.html)



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*The mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop and implement a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system.*

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