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Ron Ott Named Deputy Director for Science
Hydrologist has managed major water projects across the nation

Sacramento - California Bay-Delta Authority (CBDA) Director Joe Grindstaff today announced that Dr. Ronald F. Ott has been named the authority's Deputy Director for Science. He will be the principal science administrator for CBDA, the agency that coordinates the CALFED Bay-Delta Program on behalf of its 25 state and federal agencies. Dr. Ott, a hydrologist who has managed major water projects across the United States, assumes his duties immediately.

"We are very pleased to have a scientist of Ron's stature to provide leadership as we confront the difficult issue of balancing demands on the Delta's water resources. He has an extensive portfolio of work with estuaries and watersheds that have similar characteristics," said Grindstaff.

Dr. Ott began his career with the California Department of Water Resources. He later joined CH2M HILL, a major international consulting firm, where he served as Director for Environmental Sciences, Director of Water Resources, and finally, Director of Integrated Water Management. He has led science and engineering studies for water supply, water quality and fisheries on major river and estuary system throughout the United States, including river basins in California's Central Valley and Delta;

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Seattle's Puget Sound; the Suwannee River in Florida; the Columbia River in Washington and Oregon; and the Fox River system in Wisconsin.

In 1995 he joined CALFED, where he led technical teams dealing with conveyance, water quality and fishery issues including diversion effects on fisheries, the Delta Cross Channel and Through Delta Facility, South Delta fish facilities and CALFED's Environmental Water Account. For the past four years, he has served as the program's Delta Regional Coordinator.

Dr. Ott received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from California State University, Chico, and three advanced degrees in science and engineering from Stanford University, including a Ph.D. in Water Resources Engineering. He is the father of two grown children and lives in Newcastle, Calif., with his wife, Carlene.

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The California Bay-Delta Program is a cooperative effort of more than 20 state and federal agencies working with local communities to improve the quality and reliability of California's water supplies and revive the San Francisco Bay-Delta ecosystem. The Bay-Delta plan is the largest, most comprehensive water management and ecosystem restoration effort in the nation.