

California Bay-Delta Tribal Forum, Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004

## Project Information Sheet In-Delta Storage Program

Project Name: In-Delta Storage Program

Project Lead: Department of Water Resources

Relationship with Tribes: As a CALFED Bay-Delta Program implementing agency, DWR will follow the implementation commitment regarding tribal consultation made in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Record of Decision. DWR also acknowledges the special relationship between the United States and Federally recognized Indian tribes.

Purpose: Store surplus wet season flows on Bacon and Webb islands and develop wildlife habitat at Bouldin and Holland islands for water supply, water supply reliability and environmental purposes.

Benefits: Provides a mix of benefits including water and supply reliability for municipal, agriculture, and environmental purposes. Specific beneficiaries will be identified if decision is made to continue project studies.

Features to be Constructed: Project is based on the Delta Wetlands Project but water storage islands will include new integrated diversion facilities, strengthened levees and may be incorporated into the State and federal water systems. Habitat islands will be converted from agricultural use to a variety of habitats and wildlife friendly agricultural uses.



## Opportunities for Tribes to Participate:

1. Tribal participation was solicited during preparation of feasibility studies. Draft State Feasibility Report has been released for public comment.
2. Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee and the California Bay-Delta Authority will be briefed and consider recommendation(s) on future steps.
3. If a decision is made to proceed, CEQA and NEPA work will begin with opportunities for input. Specific dates for scoping and review of the draft environmental documents are not known due to budget uncertainties and need to identify federal lead agency. Current goal is for a draft environmental document in early 2005.
4. All tribes can request from the lead agency to be placed on mailing lists to receive notices of public meetings, public workshops and public hearings about CALFED projects.
5. All tribes can provide comment at public meetings, public workshops and give testimony at public hearings about CALFED projects.
6. All tribes can obtain copies of Environmental Impact Statements/Environmental Impact Reports to review and provide written comments about their contents.
7. All tribes can contact the CALFED lead agency, project contact, identified on this sheet for project information updates.

8. All tribes can participate in compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as an interested party, relating tribal concerns about possible adverse effects to historic and Traditional Cultural Properties.
9. Federally recognized tribal governments can be engaged in the planning and development of specific CALFED projects in their areas by CALFED lead agencies.
10. CALFED Agencies can and will consult with federally recognized tribal governments on a government-to-government basis, to the extent permitted by law, prior to taking actions that affect such tribal governments.
11. Upon request, federally recognized tribes can enter into Memorandums of Understanding with CALFED Agencies to specify how the federal, state and tribal governments will work together, on a government-to-government basis, in developing CALFED projects.

Use of Information : Information about specific CALFED projects provided by CALFED project lead agencies is intended to be used by tribes to formulate their own opinions about (1) the social, economic and environmental worthiness of the specific undertaking, (2) the potential impact such an undertaking may have on the character, use or nature of trust assets, and (3) to convey the tribe's opinions to the lead agency for analysis.

### Schedule

1. Comment period on State Feasibility Study closes March 5, 2004.
2. Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee, March 11, 2004.
3. California Bay-Delta Authority briefing, April 8, 2004.

4. Future schedule uncertain.

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