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Memorandum

Date: February 28, 2002

To: California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee

From: Patrick Wright
Director

Subject: March 12, 2002, Meeting

The next meeting of the California Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2002 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Sacramento Convention Center, Room 306. The agenda and related meeting materials are enclosed.

The purpose of this meeting is to establish 2002 priorities for the Committee and Subcommittees and provide guidance to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and agencies on a strategy to deal with staff, financial, and accountability issues. The Committee will also discuss future governance with Senator Jim Costa. Following the Committee meeting on March 13, the CALFED Policy Group will meet privately to discuss Program organization and the 2002-2003 budget. Chair, Gary Hunt, will attend that meeting representing the Committee.

The Committee meeting will begin with a brief update on Program activities that are not addressed on the agenda. The Committee will then take action to approve Subcommittee priorities and measures of success. Staff is recommending the Committee establish two more Subcommittees: Delta Levees and Habitat and a Steering Committee. The Steering Committee would formalize the meeting of the Subcommittee chairs, which began on January 23, 2002 and is expected to continue.

The next item will be devoted to assessing the 2002 and 2003 Program budgets, tracking system and strategy for dealing with limited resources. We will be asking for your guidance on the strategy, the Committee's role in responding to funding shortfalls for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and ensuring a Program that is accountable to the public.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Water Resources
Department of Fish and Game
The Reclamation Board
Delta Protection Commission
Department of Conservation
San Francisco Bay Conservation
and Development Commission

California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Health Services
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal

Department of the Interior
Bureau of Reclamation
Fish and Wildlife Service
Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
Environmental Protection Agency
Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration

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During lunch, the Chair's report will include discussion on Committee draft priorities proposed by Chair, Gary Hunt. Updates on four issues including federal authorization of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, CALFED governance, a proposed state water bond for the November 2002 ballot, and an update on state and federal water operations will be presented. Expected outcomes from the discussion are clarity on the Committee's actions or tasks and a meeting schedule for 2002.

After lunch, we have scheduled a discussion with state Senator Jim Costa to review his recently introduced legislation on future governance of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We have also allowed time to wrap up the Chair's report, if needed. After the meeting, the Steering Committee will meet to follow-up on outcomes from the BDPAC meeting.

Enclosed materials include:

- Meeting Agenda
- Subcommittee Reports (Water Use Efficiency PAC, Ecosystem Restoration, and Water Supply Subcommittee reports will be handed out at the meeting)
- Program Budget, Resources and Tracking Materials
- Chair's Report Background Materials (Attachments B and C bound separately)
- Information Items (December 5, 2000, Meeting Outcomes/PSP Results)
(Reports/Materials from the Regions bound separately)
- Correspondence

For any questions or comments, please contact Eugenia Laychak, Committee Coordinator and Facilitator at (916) 654-4214 or at laychak@water.ca.gov. I am looking forward to an informative and productive meeting.