

CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA COMMISSION  
Major Features of Proposed Legislation

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Governance Feature	Proposed Provision
Defines the California Bay-Delta Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program consists of actions and commitments consistent with the goals and objectives described in the CALFED August 28, 2000 Record of Decision.</li> <li>• Divides the Program into 5 regions: Delta, Bay, Sacramento Valley, San Joaquin Valley and Southern California.</li> </ul>
Establishes the California Bay-Delta Commission and Defines the Commission's Role	<p>Commission created in the Resources Agency will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide accountability</li> <li>• Ensure balanced implementation</li> <li>• Develop and implement program tracking, monitoring and assessment.</li> <li>• Use sound science</li> <li>• Assure public involvement and outreach</li> <li>• Coordinate and integrate existing and future government programs</li> </ul>
Membership and terms	<p>Members of the Commission are undefined (open issue) Members hold office for four years.</p>
Voting Rule	<p>Actions approved by the Commission require majority vote of the Commission members.</p>
Annual Program Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual program plans identify programs and funds to be managed and implemented consistent with the California Bay-Delta Program (Category A programs).</li> <li>• Annual program plans include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-program priorities, workplans and budgets</li> <li>-tracking and performance measures</li> <li>-public involvement and outreach</li> <li>-science</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Director integrates program plans, Commission reviews and approves program plans.</li> </ul>

Annual Reporting	Provides report to Governor, Secretary of the Interior, Legislature and Congress by December 15 <sup>th</sup> each year.
Program Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines the State and federal entities responsible for managing specific program elements: Levees – DWR &amp; USACE Water Quality – DHS, SWRCB &amp; USEPA WUE, Storage and Conveyance – DWR &amp; USBR Water Transfers – DWR, SWRCB &amp; USBR Watershed – DWR, SWRCB &amp; NRCS</li> <li>• Watershed, Ecosystem Restoration and Science - The Commission.</li> </ul>
Director	Appointed by the Governor in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior.
Lead Scientist	Appointed by the Director with Commission consent. Reports to the Commission.
Science Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and improve scientific knowledge and understanding.</li> <li>• Use adaptive management and the best scientific information in implementing the program</li> <li>• Assure independent review of technical and scientific performance of the program.</li> </ul>
Public Advisory Committee	Establishes a public advisory Committee, which represents a broad range of interests and perspectives.
Independent Science Board	Establishes an Independent Science Board to provide independent scientific review for the program.
Other Powers and Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive and disburse funds.</li> <li>• Issue contracts.</li> <li>• Establish pilot program with State control agencies to increase administrative efficiencies.</li> <li>• Resolve conflicts and disputes between agencies relative to implementation of the Program</li> </ul>