

# CBDA DRINKING WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

*Strategic Plan Workshop, 12/2/03*

## **Strategic Plan Purpose**

Provide a concise description of the goals, objectives, priorities, implementation plan, and performance measurements, and management reporting for the CBDA Drinking Water Quality Program to prompt and support actions to accomplish the goals and objectives.

## **Program Goals & Objectives**

The Drinking Water Program Strategic Plan Workgroup reviewed the goals and objectives described in the CALFED Program Record of Decision, the Water Quality Program Plan, and the work of the Drinking Water Subcommittee. Based on this context, the workgroup developed the attached water quality program goal and objectives for review and consideration.

## **Regulatory Context**

The workgroup considered the regulatory context for the CBDA Drinking Water Quality Program. The workgroup agreed that rather than citing all of the laws and regulations that affect drinking water in California, the strategic plan should focus on the gaps and conflicts in the regulations that could affect accomplishing the program goals and objectives. The initial draft of the regulatory context is included in the draft outline of the strategic plan.

## **Relationship to Other Programs**

Sam Harader drafted an initial section for the strategic plan to outline the relationship of the CBDA Drinking Water Quality Program to other CBDA programs and other activities affecting the Delta system. This draft section is included in the draft outline of the strategic plan.

## **Next Steps**

**Review and Refine Program Context** – The Drinking Water Subcommittee (DWS) and stakeholders will review and confirm the program goals, objectives, regulatory context, and relationship to other programs (by end of February).

**List Aspects that Affect Accomplishing the Goal** – The workgroup and the DWS will develop a list of the risks, opportunities, and gaps that prevent or facilitate accomplishing the goal (January and February).

**Prioritize the Aspects that Affect the Goal** – The workgroup and DWS will prioritize the aspects to focus strategies, actions, and funding on the highest value activities (February and March).

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### **Program Goal**

The goal of the CBDA Drinking Water Quality Program is to:

Provide safe, reliable, affordable, and aesthetically-pleasing drinking water to municipal water suppliers and customers relying on waters from the Delta watershed through continuous improvement of source water quality, improved water management, and effective treatment.

### **Objectives**

#### **Source Water**

- Reduce concentrations and variability of contaminants affecting drinking water quality in source waters.

#### **Water Management (Operations)**

- Reduce concentrations and variability of contaminants affecting drinking water quality at Delta drinking water intakes and at treatment plants through operational considerations at state, regional and/or local scales. Water management includes conveyance, storage, transfers, levees, State and Federal project operations, blending, exchanges, and local/regional operations.

#### **Treatment and Distribution**

- Reduce concentrations of contaminants in delivered water to reduce public health risks, meet or exceed drinking water standards, and improve taste and odor.

#### **Affordability**

- Optimize the investment in drinking water quality improvements considering responsible financial management, the availability of funds, the breadth of beneficiaries, and the opportunities to secure additional funds.

#### **Coordination and Communication**

- Improve coordination with other programs and projects to identify opportunities for water quality benefits and minimize or eliminate impacts to drinking water.
- Improve outreach and education to increase public understanding of the DWQ Program, improve confidence in tap water quality, increase participation by affected water users (including vulnerable populations), and enlist help in improving and protecting source water quality.

#### **Research**

- Improve the understanding of contaminants and the implications for all drinking water users, including vulnerable populations.