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**CALIFORNIA BAY-DELTA AUTHORITY
RESOLUTION 04-12-03**

**ADOPTING THE CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM FINANCE PLAN
AS A FRAMEWORK FOR GUIDING THE FINANCING OF THE CALFED PROGRAM
FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS**

WHEREAS, a fundamental philosophy of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program – referred to in the Record of Decision and in State and Federal CALFED acts - is that costs should, to the extent possible, be paid by the beneficiaries of the program actions;

WHEREAS, the July 2000 CALFED Final EIS/EIR called for development of a finance plan that would follow a benefits based approach;

WHEREAS, development of a finance plan can increase the effectiveness of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program by refining program priorities and funding targets, and allocating program costs to appropriate beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, Authority staff has performed a comprehensive review of Program funding targets, available funding, benefits, and beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, Authority staff has convened an Independent Panel of experts to review and advise BDA on the framework and options for developing a finance plan;

WHEREAS, Authority staff has developed a finance plan through an open process involving numerous meetings and workshops that included interested stakeholders and implementing agencies;

WHEREAS, staff has developed a finance plan that spans a 10-year period that contains, for all program elements in the Program, new funding targets, description of program benefits and beneficiaries, and cost allocations for State, Federal, major water users, and local grant matching requirements; and

WHEREAS, the finance plan process, issues, and drafts of this staff proposal were discussed at all the Bay-Delta Authority (BDA) and Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee (BDPAC) meetings in 2004; and at a joint BDA /BDPAC Workshop on November 15, 2004; and at BDPAC subcommittee meetings in 2004; and at over 30 ad-hoc agency and stakeholder meetings in 2004; where extensive public input was received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the California Bay-Delta Authority adopts the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Finance Plan as a framework for guiding the financing of the CALFED Program for the next ten years, and authorizes the Director, to work with the State and Federal Administrations, implementing agencies, stakeholders, the Legislature and Congress regarding implementation of the Plan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director, shall continue working with the State and Federal Administrations, implementing agencies, stakeholders, the Legislature and Congress on refining the details of the Plan, and shall bring relevant issues back to the California Bay-Delta Authority and the Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee for further consideration.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Assistant to the California Bay-Delta Authority does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the Authority held on December 8 and 9, 2004.

Dated: _____

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