

# **ITEM 11B**

## **Program Priorities & Funding**

# **Revitalizing the CALFED Program**

**California Bay-Delta Authority  
Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee**

June 8, 2005

# Governor's May Revise

- California Water Plan
  - New vision and strategies for water resource management
- Water Resource Investment Fund
  - Sustainable and reliable funding for water resource management
- CALFED Program
  - Part of long-term water resource investment strategy,
  - Needs to focus on highest priorities
    - Independent Review
    - Program priorities
    - Financing

# Independent Review

- Independent Consultant
  - Program, Fiscal, and Governance assessment
- Little Hoover Commission
- Agencies, Stakeholders & Legislature
  - Input on questions to address
  - Participate in assessment

# Independent Review Questions

- Where have funds been spent?
- Who spent the funds?
- Have funds been spent effectively?
- What has been accomplished?
- Is governance structure working?
- What has worked and what hasn't?
- What do we need to do differently?

# Independent Review Timeline/Process

June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>--Input on initial approach</li><li>--Background info &amp; material provided</li><li>--ID preliminary questions &amp; info sources</li></ul>
July (early)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>--Public outreach</li><li>--Finalize scope &amp; questions</li></ul>
July – October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>--Conduct assessment</li><li>--Initial findings</li><li>--Public input</li></ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>--Final Report</li></ul>

# Refocusing Approach

- Coordinated by BDA (aggressively neutral)
- Stakeholder, agency, & legislative input
- Linkage to Independent Review
- Monthly BDPAC meetings, suspend subcommittee meetings
- Authority meetings June, August, Oct.
- Conduct issue interviews
- Develop working paper for review/input

# Refocusing & Financing

- Assess Program scope and priorities
- Review ROD objectives, milestones, and timelines
- Define relationship of CALFED focus and statewide water programs
- Develop action plan for CALFED
- Develop financing plan for CALFED

# Refocusing & Financing Timeline & Process

June	--Input on initial approach (BDPAC/Authority) --Conduct issue interviews -- Prepare summary paper on interviews
July (early)	--Public outreach on scope --Finalize scope
July	--Develop Working Paper
August - October	--Monthly BDPAC meetings & public input --Authority meetings — June, August, Oct.
November	--Final Report



# Summary

- CALFED Program plays important role in California's future water needs
- Critical to reaffirm CALFED Program goals
- Need to review and refocus
  - Priorities
  - Implementation approach
  - Governance structure