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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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**To:** Board of Directors (Bay/Delta Political Advisory Committee--Information)  
(Water Planning and Resources Committee--Information)

**From:** General Manager

**Subject:** Update on Development of a Long-Term Bay-Delta Management Plan

**Recommendation:**

For information only.

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**Executive Summary:**

Momentum on development of a long-term Bay-Delta environmental restoration and water supply reliability plan escalated in March 1995 when a broad-based group of stakeholders representing urban, agriculture, and environmental interests began meeting monthly to develop a consensus. The goal of this group is to develop both physical and institutional long-term solutions that balance environmental restoration and water supply reliability goals beyond the three-year State/Federal Bay-Delta Accord signed in December 1994. In addition, the stakeholder's plan to hold informal workshops to obtain grassroots sentiment and build consensus among outside interest groups.

A draft workplan developed by this group calls for a short-list of alternatives to be advanced by February 1996 with a final environmental impact report to be completed by CALFED in January 1999.

**Detailed Report:**

Since the signing of the December 1994 State/Federal Bay-Delta Accord on water quality and operational standards, a broad-based group of stakeholders have been working together to ensure implementation of the principles of the three-year Accord and continued progress toward development of a long-term ecosystem management plan. A major step to ensuring this progress came on May 22, 1995, when the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) unanimously passed a motion to adopt a Water Quality Control Plan (WQCP) for the Bay/Delta that includes salinity, outflow, and operational requirements. This WQCP was supported by the California Urban Water Agencies/agricultural water agencies (CUWA/Ag) group and was consistent with the principles of the December Accord.

The stakeholder group consists of environmental interests, export agricultural interests, upstream agricultural interests, urban interests from both Northern and Southern California, waterfowl interests, and fishing interests. Their goal is to develop a balanced and integrated long-term approach to solving the conflict over Bay-Delta resources. The integrated approach the stakeholders are developing is expected to include an appropriate balance of:

- Conservation;
- Water recycling;
- Conjunctive use of surface and groundwater;
- Voluntary water transfers;
- New water supply facilities;

- Legal protections and institutional changes to implement the package;
- Coordination of local, State, and federal programs;
- Flows and water quality adequate to protect and restore the Delta ecosystem;
- Measures to reduce human-caused mortality to fish and wildlife; and
- Improvements to wetland, riparian, and other types of terrestrial and aquatic habitat.

Metropolitan is taking a leadership role in the stakeholders group and as a chair of the stakeholder's "Matrix Team" subcommittee which in May developed a proposed workplan for developing a long-term agreement. The proposed workplan strategy anticipates the following schedule:

1. Near-Term (Summer/Fall 1995)
  - Develop stakeholder goals, objectives, and strategies;
  - Develop stakeholder success criteria;
  - Integrate strategies into list of alternatives;
  - Build grassroots support for short-list of balanced alternatives through public forums; and
  - Present short-list of alternatives to CALFED through the public hearing process and the Bay/Delta Advisory Council (the successor to the Governor's Bay/Delta Oversight Council).
2. Long-Term
  - February 1996 -- CALFED to initiate a scoping process to develop alternatives;
  - October 1996 -- CALFED to complete scoping process;
  - 1997 - 1998 -- Development of California Environmental Impact Report/Federal Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) documentation and completion of the long-term agreement, including financing mechanisms; and

- January 1999 -- CALFED to complete final EIR/EIS documentation.

CALFED, the body created by the June 1994 State/Federal Framework Agreement to coordinate Bay-Delta activities, is expected to play a formal role in preparing a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the long-term management plan. CALFED's long-term planning process will be managed under the direction of Mr. Lester Snow and will include an interagency staff team from State and federal agencies to assist in technical aspects. The stakeholders plan to actively coordinate generation of their analytic work-product to meet the schedule of CALFED's public input process.

On May 23, 1994, Elizabeth Rieke, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Water and Science, and Douglas Wheeler, Secretary of the Resources Agency, announced the members of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC). BDAC consists of more than 30 citizen-advisors from various interest groups including California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, and fishing interests (attachment). Chairman Foley was selected by Rieke and Wheeler as Metropolitan's representative to BDAC. BDAC will assist CALFED Program Manager Lester Snow and the CALFED agencies in the development of the long-term solution.

Metropolitan staff will be reporting back on a frequent basis to your Board on progress achieved and will be meeting monthly with the Bay/Delta Political Advisory Committee to obtain Board guidance.

## Attachment

## Bay-Delta Advisory Council

NAME	AFFILIATION
Tib Belza	Northern California Water Association
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Don Bransford	Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District
Harrison C. (Hap) Dunning	Bay Institute
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Stephen Hall	Association of California Water Agencies
Eric Hasseltine	Contra Costa Council
Alex Hildebrand	South Delta Water Agency
Richard Izmirian	California Sportfishing Protection Alliance
Rosemary C. Kamei	Santa Clara Valley Water District
Leland Lehman	California Waterfowl Association
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Mike Madigan	California Water Commission
Pat McCarty	Delta Protection Commission
Michael W. McDonald	Northern California Power Agency
Sunne Wright McPeak	Bay Area Economic Forum
Ann Notthoff	Natural Resources Defense Council
Pietro Parravano	Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association
Stuart T. Pyle	Kern County Water Agency
Robert F. Raab	Save San Francisco Bay Association
Judith Redmond	Community Alliance with Family Farmers
Ray Remy	Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce
Marcia Sablan	Mayor of Firebaugh
Jean P. Sagouspe	Central Valley Project Water Association
Mary L. Selkirk	East Bay Municipal Utility District
Roger Strelow	Beveridge and Diamond (Bay area business)
Roger Thomas	Golden Gate Fishermen's Association
Gary Widman	Bronson, Bronson and McKinnon
Roger Patterson	Designated Federal Official
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