



- **Board of Directors**
Communications and Legislation
Committee

July 26, 1999

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Subject

Authorization of a \$10,000 Contribution to the California Bay-Delta Water Coalition for Work Related to Acquiring Federal Funding for CALFED Implementation.

Description

The California Bay-Delta Water Coalition (Coalition) consists of 32 entities representing environmental, agricultural, and urban water interests in the State of California. The Coalition's key objective is to garner federal support and funding for projects and activities associated with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Over the last three years, the Coalition has assisted CALFED in communicating their annual funding needs with Congress and the Administration. The Coalition's efforts have been a catalyst to the successful authorization and appropriation of funds for the Bay-Delta. In 1996, Congress authorized \$430 million (\$143 million per year for three years) for funding research and implementation of CALFED projects. Through Fiscal Year 1999, Congress has appropriated \$160 million. In May 1999, Coalition representatives coordinated testimony and unanimously testified in support of the Fiscal Year 2000 Administration request of \$95 million.

The Coalition retains consultants who help to develop and execute the group's communications strategy. This strategy includes assisting CALFED in coordinating the annual funding requirements of Bay-Delta projects, developing briefing materials, seeking consensus among Coalition members, and meeting with key federal legislators.

At its meeting on May 26, the Coalition adopted a budget of \$210,000 for Fiscal Year 1999-2000. Metropolitan's designated contribution toward this budget is \$10,000. In past years, Metropolitan has made contributions in similar amounts.

Policy

New

Board Options/Fiscal Impacts

Option #1: Continue Metropolitan's involvement in the Coalition and pay \$10,000 contribution for Fiscal Year 1999-2000; proceed with efforts to obtain Congressional funding for Bay-Delta Programs.

Fiscal Impact: Likely to result in continued funding from Congress for Bay-Delta Programs.



PARTICIPANTS

Alameda County Water District
 Association of California Water Agencies
 California Urban Water Agencies
 California Waterfowl Association
 California Municipal Water District
 Central Basin Municipal Water District
 Central Coast Water Authority
 Central Valley Project Water Association
 Coachella Valley Water District
 Contra Costa Water District
 East Bay Municipal Utility District
 Environmental Defense Fund
 Friant Water Users Authority
 Kern County Water Agency
 Long Beach Water Department
 Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
 Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
 Modesto Irrigation District
 Municipal Water District of Orange County
 Natural Heritage Institute
 Northern California Water Association
 San Diego County Water Authority
 San Francisco City and County Water Department
 San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority
 San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
 Santa Clara Valley Water District
 Stockton East Water District
 The Nature Conservancy
 Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District
 Turlock Irrigation District
 West Basin Municipal Water District
 Westlands Water District

June 15, 1999

Dear Coalition Member:

The Management Committee of the California Bay-Delta Water Coalition is writing to request your membership dues for 1999. We are asking that each Coalition member remit ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) to cover the expenses of seeking federal funding for FY 2000 and setting the stage for FY 2001.

We have already accomplished a lot this year including:

- Reaching consensus on a \$95 million budget request including \$60 million for ecosystem restoration and \$35 million for CALFED water quality, levee system integrity and water supply reliability programs. Governor Davis and 44 members of the California delegation also adopted and echoed this request.
- Leading members of the Business and Labor communities joined the Coalition to support federal funding.
- In a successful hearing before the House Resources Subcommittee on Water and Power, Coalition members coordinated testimony and unanimously testified in support of the \$95 million request.

Major challenges still lie ahead for the Coalition this year including:

- **FUNDING** - We will have to continue to work diligently to preserve CALFED funding throughout the appropriations process.
- **AUTHORIZATION** - The Bay-Delta Act that authorizes federal funding for CALFED, expires at the end of FY2000. The Coalition was instrumental in passing the law in the first place, and has been asked by key decision-makers to aid in the development and passage of an extension. Without an extension, this important source of funding for CALFED programs will dry up at the end of FY2000.
- **MAINTAINING AND STRENGTHENING CONSENSUS ON FUNDING** - Our experiences this year have underscored the imperative of keeping this coalition together. From Senator Feinstein to Governor Davis to the Appropriations Committees we have heard one message: only a unified California can hope to be successful in securing funds for CALFED.

- **EDUCATING NEW DECISION-MAKER**~ We have new decision-makers throughout the process from the Governor's office to key congressional districts to the Chairman of the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee. Coalition-sponsored briefings and tours will be an essential part of maintaining the broad bi-partisan support we have enjoyed in recent years.

The incentive is strong for the Coalition to work together to maintain federal funding. FY 2000 dollars will fund a broad array of ecosystem restoration, water quality, levee system integrity, and water supply reliability projects.

Attached please find a detailed 1999 Work Plan and Budget from our consultants Bookman-Edmonston Engineering and Agricultural Resources. Please note that *we have not paid our consultants since last December*, yet we have continued to rely heavily upon their expertise and assistance. You will see from the work plan that with their help we have already accomplished a lot.

The work of this Coalition is more important than ever. We ask for your immediate attention to this matter as the Coalition budget is currently nearly \$100,000.00 in deficit

Please address any questions to Management Committee members Leslie Friedman Johnson (415-281-0427) or Steve Hall (916)441-4545.

Sincerely,

The Management Committee

Attachments 1999 Work Plan and Budget
 Invoice for Dues

June 9, 1999

BOOKMAN-EDMONSTON ENGINEERING
AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

1999 Work Plan and Budget
Bay-Delta Water Coalition

The Management Committee of the Bay-Delta Water Coalition has asked Coalition consultants to prepare the following Work Plan and Budget for 1999. The Work Plan that follows has been partially implemented. As a reminder, the Coalition consultants have not been paid for work performed to date.

SCOPE OF WORK

1. Organize Coalition Efforts to Secure FY 2000 Appropriations

Administration's Budget Request

- Organize meetings with CALFED, Interior, OMB and Congressional staff on Administration's budget request. - **Jan**
- Attend DOI/BOR budget meetings. - **Jan**
- Advise on strategy to increase budget request. - **Jan-Feb**

Congressional Leadership Changes

- Inform Coalition membership of changes in Washington DC staffing and leadership. - **Jan**
- Advise on appropriate strategies to cultivate new leadership. - **Jan**

New Restoration Coordinator

- Introduce new Restoration Coordinator, Wendy Halverson-Martin, to Coalition goals and objectives - **Jan - May**
- Assist Wendy Halverson-Martin in preparation of CALFED briefing materials for April and May Washington DC trips. Materials to be coordinated with Coalition message points in testimony. - **April**

Coalition Internal Consensus Negotiations

- Maintain communications with appropriators during Coalition's internal budget negotiations (Small Group Meetings) **Jan - May**
- Assist with coordination of Small Group Discussions on storage, cost-sharing, and proportional split. - **Jan - April**
- Explain new Coalition position (proportional split and consensus agreement language) to Administration, agencies, and Congressional leadership - **April-May**
- Arrange meetings with Senator Feinstein through Staff Assistant Mike McGill on Coalition consensus agreement and future strategy. - **April**
- Distribute letter/gathered signatures for Coalition letters to appropriators (include copy of Feinstein letter). - **April**

Appropriations Process

- Defend Administration's budget during meetings with Congressional appropriators - **Jan**
- Advise CALFED and Coalition on strategy for upcoming testimony before appropriators. - **Feb**
- Advise Interior on testimony message points for Appropriations hearings. - **Mar**
- Coordinate Coalition Congressional meetings during April
- 27th and 28th Washington DC trip. - **April**
- Prepare draft letter to be sent from the California Congressional Delegation to appropriators in support of CALF ED (Rep. Cal Dooley to finalize letter and circulate for signatures). - **April - May**
- Inform Coalition re: low funding levels due to budget caps and their impact on budget negotiations within Congress and between lawmakers and President Clinton. - **May-Oct**
- Monitor and report to Coalition on markup by Senate Energy and Water Appropriations subcommittee and full Committee approval of \$50 million for CALF ED. - **May 24**

Upcoming Appropriations Process

- Prepare for House Energy and Water Subcommittee markup - **July-Aug**
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- Advise on strategy for preserving \$50 m. (as approved by the Senate) in the House and conference committee. **June -Aug**
- Advise on strategy for CVP Restoration Fund and CALFED integ ration/coordination. Authorizers will require that this issue be addressed in near future. - **July - Nov**
- Assist in handling Coalition response to the release of the CALFED EIR/EIS (Congressional briefings and communications.) - **June - Aug**
- Organize defense against "recisions" (possibility that Congress would take back unspent money). Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Ted Stevens recently directed staff to identify programs with unspent federal appropriations. - **June - Nov**

Prepare contingency plan for possible budget summit

- Congress may not pass a separate Energy and Water bill, in which case, the CALFED budget would be vulnerable. - **Sep -Nov.**
- Protect \$50 m. budget allocation by organizing meetings with the California delegation, appropriators, the administration, and stakeholders. **Sep.-Nov.**

2. *Coordinated Coalition Strategy and Testimony before Authorizing Committee on Oversight Issues*

- Interface with Bob Faber, Staff Director of House Water and Power Subcommittee regarding upcoming oversight hearing (May 20th) Develop strategy on Sec. Babbitt's participation, format for hearing, witness list, and Coalition participation and strategy. - b
- Assist in coordination and attended pre-oversight hearing meetings with Congressional leaders. - **May**

- Write and distribute to Coalition witnesses a list of "main themes" to be utilized in testimony. - **May**
- Write Coalition testimony to be introduced into the record at the oversight hearing. - **May**

3. Organize Coalition Efforts to Secure FY '01 Funding

- Interface with Dept. of Interior and CALFED on budget amount and details. Advise on strategy to increase budget request. - **June - Jan**
- Attend DOIIBOR budget meetings
- Coordinate any authorization extension activities required for FY '01 funding

4. Coordinate Strategy for Authorization Extension

- Meet with Bob Faber on post-oversight hearing follow-up. **June**
- Advise Coalition on position to take on extension (i.e. 1-Year Transition, 3-Year, or Open-Ended). - **May - Nov**
- Devise strategy to compel Congressional action (appropriators cited lack of authority in FY '01 as justification for lower appropriation) - June - Nov.
- Assist with coordination of July Sacramento meetings with Bob Faber, Steve Lanich, and CALFED stakeholders. - **June - July**
- Interfaced with Dept. of Interior on their reluctance to include CALFED in the Administration's FY '01 budget. - **May - July**
- Organize and monitor Coalition work group charged with drafting Coalition position. - **May - July**
- Prepare for House and Senate Authorizing Committees legislative hearings on authorization extension. **June - Oct.**
- Anticipate opportunities to enact extension (e.g. potential of extension being included as a provision in the budget summit package). **June - Nov**

5. Coordinate and Oversee Bay-Delta Tours for Sacramento and Congressional Leadership

- Arrange and coordinate potential early fall tour for new Sacramento leadership. **Aug - Oct**
- Arrange and coordinate potential late fall tour for Congressional leaders. **Sep - Nov**

6. Organize Coalition Activities

- Author "Coalition Accomplishments 1998" for use with membership dues solicitation and as New Year's Letter to Coalition members. - **Jan**
- Prepare Draft 1999 Interim Work Plan and Budget, solicitation letter, and solicitation plan. Work Plan revised at request of Coalition in **January, April, May, and June.**

- Prepare Work Plan addendum entitled "Improving the Administration of CALFED Programs." - **Jan**
- Provide coordination for membership dues solicitation. **June - July**
- Arrange weekly conference calls, distribute literature, and conduct follow-up with meeting notes to Coalition membership
- Assist in arranging and provide background materials for Management Committee meetings.
- Author correspondence to CA Delegation and Congressional leadership.
- Arrange special Coalition meetings. Organize legislative briefings and meetings.

1999 Budget

Bay-Delta Water Coalition

	1998 Expenses	1999 Expenses
Rich Atwater, Kathy Caidwell, Dave Weiman, and Bill Klostermeyer	\$ 208,078**	\$ 186,000***
Conference Calls	\$ 6,260	\$ 5,000
Congressional Tours	\$ 12,584	\$ 8,000
Briefing Materials	\$ 0	\$ 5,000
Faxes	\$ 26	\$ 500
Sacramento Meetings	\$ 2,424	\$ 1,500
DC Meetings	\$ 2,286	\$ 2,000
Office Supplies	\$ 15	\$ 200
Copies & Postage	\$ 694	\$ 550
Federal Express and UPS	\$ 985	\$ 800
Total	\$ 233,352	\$ 209,550

* Rich Atwater will donate time to draft legislative funding strategies and cost-sharing formulas to implement "water-use efficiency" programs and other Stage I implementation activities.