

**AGENDA ITEM #8**  
January 10, 2003

To: Delta Protection Commission

From: Margit Aramburu, Executive Director

Subject: New CALFED Bay Delta Program Implementation Memorandum of Understanding and Creation of an Agency Coordination Team  
(*For Commission Action*)

**Staff Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Commission consider continuing to participate in meetings of the CALFED agencies to promote communication and coordination. If the Commission agrees, vote to direct the Chair to sign the MOU, and designate the Executive Director as the agency representative on the Agency Coordination Team.

Due to timing constraints, the proposed MOU has not been reviewed by the Commission's CALFED Committee.

**Background:**

The Commission was asked by Secretary Nichols to sit on the CALFED Policy Group and the CALFED Management Group. The Commission has voted to sign CALFED MOUs to that effect, and designated the Executive Director as the agency representative on the Policy Group and the Management Group.

The new legislation creating the Bay Delta Authority provides for a 20-member Authority and a Public Advisory Committee. The Commission was not named to the authority and no public agencies sit on the Public Advisory Committee.

**New Memorandum of Understanding:**

Part of the process of transition from the existing CALFED governance arrangements is creating a forum for the CALFED agencies to continue to meet and coordinate programs and projects. The Management Group is being abandoned (p. 10, #7) and the attached draft MOU will set up a new group --the Agency Coordination Team-- to fill this need. The ACT will not make any decisions, and will not make any recommendations to the Authority or the Public Advisory Committee (pp. 13-16, Appendix C).