

October 15, 2004

-Meeting Notice-

2004 EWA Technical Review Panel Meeting

November 8-10, 2004

8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Bay-Delta Room, 650 Capitol Mall, 5th Floor

Sacramento, CA 95814

Background Information:

The Lead Scientist for the California Bay-Delta Authority is responsible for evaluating the Environmental Water Account (EWA) at the end of every water year. To meet this obligation, the Lead Scientist assembled a standing panel of technical experts (EWA Technical Review Panel) who have not been involved in EWA implementation.

EWA Technical Panel reviews in each of the first three years focused on: 1) the scientific information underlying actions taken, 2) the incremental changes in the way decisions were made, and 3) the technical basis for those decisions. In contrast, the year-four review will focus on two topics: the first four years as a whole, and continuation of the EWA. As in previous reviews, the 2004 review will focus on technical aspects of EWA planning and implementation.

Meeting Purpose:

The purpose of this meeting is to provide an open exchange of information necessary for an independent technical review of the EWA. The EWA Technical Review Panel is expected to evaluate and comment on:

- 1) the technical basis of results and conclusions from EWA operations over the first four years,
- 2) the technical information and tools applied in planning for EWA program continuation, and
- 3) the science priorities and commitments proposed for the continuing EWA program.

This review is not intended to yield judgments about the success or failure of the EWA program, nor to obtain a specific Technical Panel recommendation as to whether the EWA should continue past year four.

For More Information:

- Registration for the event is not required. For more information contact DaVina Hines, at the CALFED Science Program, davina@calwater.ca.gov or (916) 445-5825.
- Please allow time to go through the security checkpoint at the entrance of the building and abide by standard security procedures: you must have valid identification with a photograph. No weapons, video, or photo equipment, including photo cell phones are allowed.
- If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Pauline Nevins, California Bay-Delta Authority at (916) 445-5511, TDD (800) 735-2929.