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## State Water Board Releases Draft Delta Decision

**Sacramento** - The State Water Resources Control Board has released its draft decision addressing water protection objectives for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. Written comments on the decision must be submitted to the Board by 5 p.m. Thursday, December 23. The Board has scheduled a meeting on December 28 to consider adoption of the decision.

The draft decision is the result of a public hearing conducted by the Board that began July 1, 1998 and has continued for 80 days so far. The remaining phase of the hearing to consider the responsibility of Sacramento River Basin water right holders in meeting the objectives of the Board's 1995 Delta Water Quality Control Plan's will begin after the first of the year. A decision for that phase is scheduled for adoption by the end of 2000.

In a related matter, the Board will hold a hearing on whether to accept the final Environmental Impact Report for Implementation of the 1995 Delta Water Quality Control Plan in evidence. The hearing will begin December 13. Additionally, certification of the EIR will be considered by the Board at its December 28 meeting to be held in the Board Hearing Room, 901 P Street, Sacramento.

The draft Delta decision can be accessed through the State Board's Internet site: [www.swrcb.ca.gov](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov). Click on "Bay Delta".

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