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As you are aware, under Attachment C of the December 15, 1994 Principles for Agreement on Bay-Delta Standards, the State and Federal governments and the water user community committed to the implementation and financing of Category III measures as an essential part of a comprehensive ecosystem protection plan for the Bay-Delta Estuary. CUWA/AG committed to sponsoring a process which is open and collaborative, involving CALFED and the environmental community. The water users also committed to developing an implementation plan before publication of the final SWRCB standards, which is expected by March 31, 1995.

Under the direction of the CUWA/AG policy group, an ad-hoc workgroup was established to oversee the development of the Category III implementation plan. This 14-member workgroup consists of representatives from water users, the environmental community, CALFED, and the fishing community.

To facilitate preparation of the Category III implementation plan under a short time frame, task groups have been formed to develop work products for the ad-hoc workgroup to review and incorporate into the implementation plan. The task groups are responsible for developing institutional and funding alternatives, a database of potential Category III measures to be implemented, and project selection criteria. Membership in these task groups is open to all interested parties.

The ad-hoc workgroup has had four meetings to-date. Draft documents have been developed by the task groups and reviewed by the workgroup. It is anticipated that comments on the direction of the Category III work will be submitted to the State Board for inclusion in the Water Quality Control Plan by March 10, 1995, and an implementation document will be completed by March 31, 1995.

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