

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: **ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES** *KMW*

BOARD AGENDA # B-4

Urgent _____ Routine

AGENDA DATE February 13, 2001

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO _____
(Information Attached)

4/5 Vote Required YES _____ NO

SUBJECT:
ACCEPT THE MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT UPDATE ON WATER RELATED ISSUES

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:
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FISCAL IMPACT: **There is no fiscal impact.**

BOARD ACTION No. 2001-105
On motion of Supervisor Blom, Seconded by Supervisor Caruso,
and approved by the following vote,
Ayes: Supervisors: Mayfield, Blom, Simon, Caruso and Chair Paul
Noes: Supervisors: None
Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None
Abstaining: Supervisor: None
1) Approved as recommended
2) _____ Denied
3) _____ Approved as amended
Motion:

ATTEST: REAGAN M. WILSON, Clerk *Christine Ferraro* File No.
By: Deputy

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DISCUSSION:

Water is a concern to every one of us. As the County continues to grow, decisions must be made regarding water, ranging from conservation to flood control. The need to be informed is paramount in the decision making process. To this end, arrangements have been made with Walt Ward, Modesto Irrigation District, to make periodic presentations to the Board. Mr. Ward will provide information on local, state, and federal water issues that may have potential impacts to Stanislaus County residents and businesses. Today, Mr. Ward is prepared to share information on current activities of CALFED.

As the Board recalls, CALFED is a group of state and federal agencies working together to develop long-term solutions to the problems affecting the San Francisco Bay/San Joaquin River Delta (Bay-Delta System). The solution-finding efforts have been focusing on the quality of the ecosystem and the impact natural disasters may have on Delta levees and channels.

Some of the specific issues CALFED has been trying to resolve include:

- declining fish populations
- Bay-Delta water quality
- agricultural and municipal water supplies and water quality
- health of the Bay-Delta ecosystem
- levee stability in the Bay-Delta
- wetland, upland and aquatic habitants in the Bay-delta and its tributaries
- water storage and releases in reservoirs upstream of the Bay-Delta (including New Melones Reservoir)
- improving recreational opportunities
- power generation at facilities of the Bay-Delta.

The Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers are tributaries to the San Joaquin River, which terminates in the Bay-Delta System. Mr. Ward will give an update on the CALFED planning process regarding the restoration of the Bay-Delta.

Mr. Ward is also prepared to give a brief report regarding the hydrologic conditions and available water supplies in the County.

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POLICY
ISSUES:

The Board's acceptance of this report is consistent with its priorities of a safe and healthy community.

STAFFING
IMPACT:

None