Executive Director and Chairman's Report: November 18, 1999

1. **Call to Order.**

   PAT: Call on Debby to take Roll.

2. **Public Comments.**

   PAT: Ask for public comments on items NOT on tonight's agenda.

3. **Minutes of Last Meeting.**

   PAT: Needs motion and second; voice vote (Please say name of Commissioners making motion and second.)

4. **Chairman's Report.**

   PAT: The next Commission meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2000, here in the Jean Harvie Community Center—start of the new millennium. At that meeting, we will be reviewing the proposed North Delta National Wildlife Refuge environmental document and adopting comments on the proposed project, and reviewing the annual report for 1999.

   The Secretary for Resources has asked the Delta Protection Commission to serve on the CALFED Policy Group. This is a big change for the Commission, and a very positive one. This will mean that the Commission's views, positions, and policies can be communicated directly to the Policy Group, rather than going to the Policy Group through the staff or the BDAC. Because I already serve on the BDAC, I would like to appoint the Executive Director, Margit Aramburu, to sit on the Policy Committee to represent the Commission—with the concurrence of the Commission. Any comments?

   At yesterday's Policy Group meeting, the Commission was asked to provide comments on the four Category III projects proposed in the Delta. You have a staff report which outlines these projects. Wendy Halverson Martin, the Director of the CALFED Category III program is here to brief us. With her are Brad Barkholder of the Department of Fish and Game, Mike Eaton of the Cosumnes Preserve, and Tom Harvey of the Fish and Wildlife Service. We will take the projects one at a time, and ask for Commissioner comments on each item.

5. **Commissioner Comments /Announcements.**

   PAT: Any comments? Announcements?

6. **Attorney General's Report.**

NOTE: Dan Siegel will NOT be at the meeting; Carla Caruso will be there.

7. **Executive Director's Report.**

MARGIT:
Handouts at the Meeting:
Mailing Packet:

- Pending Projects
- Report on Legislation
- CALFED Category III Grants
- Acquisition of Lands in the Primary Zone: McCormack Williamson Tract and Delta Meadows (DPC).

CALFED:

AD HOC RECREATION: Reviewed South Delta and North Delta bundles.

AD HOC ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION: Met with South Delta staff to review and suggest projects, which would conform to earlier recommendations.

DELTA IN-CHANNEL ISLANDS: No funding from Category III—recommended additional review; additional information submitted. Funds from AB 360 program designated to start with one of the four islands; environmental review completed; permits obtained. Trying to obtain approval to work beyond November 30 "work window".

DELTA LEVEES: $30 million in Water Bond for Delta levee program. This would cover 2-3 years of on-going maintenance.

LEGISLATION: The Commission's two proposals from last year: delete the term limits and amend the Government Code to exempt the Commission's Plan from review have been submitted to the Governor's office.

8. **Ethics Training.**

MARGIT: The Legislature has passed a law which requires that all the Commissioners and I will have to participate in an Ethics training program this year, and every two years thereafter. The State has prepared two formats: a video and an Internet training course. Each takes about two hours. For those of you who have already taken the Ethics course this year, there is a form to sign and return to the Commission office. Staff has to keep a record of who took the course and when. I would like to know who wants a copy of the video, and staff will mail the video to you. We have prepared an order form. Please fill it out and give to staff tonight. Any questions?

9. Strategic Planning.

MARGIT: Commissioner McGowan would not be here tonight, but he has suggested that the Commission move forward with a special meeting to discuss the Commission's Strategic Plan. To this end, he has selected Thursday, February 24, 2000 for this meeting. More information will be mailed to you before the meeting.

Any questions?

10. Update on McCormack Williamson Tract/Bean Ranch, Sacramento County

Pat: We may be able to skip this agenda item if covered adequately under Agenda Item #4, the Chairman's Report.

PAT: Please introduce Mike Eaton of the Nature Conservancy. He will update the Commission on the status of the planning for the McCormack Williamson Tract.

(Presentation)

PAT: Any Commissioner questions?

PAT: Any public comments?

PAT: Any final comments...

11. Update on CALFED Stage 1A Actions: South Delta

PAT: Please introduce Stein Buer of the CALFED staff.

(Presentation)

PAT: Any Commissioner questions of staff?

PAT: Any public comments?

PAT: Any final comments...

12. CALFED Governance Proposal.

MARGIT: The CALFED Policy Group is trying to resolve one of the remaining thorny issues—what will CALFED look like after the ROD? There have been a number of ideas discussed, but none so far has gained widespread acceptance. As you may recall, the Policy Group recommends continuing with the existing governance program until such time as a new governance program is adopted. You have in your packets the "straw proposal" developed by an outside environmental group. This would result in both State and federal legislation to create a new agency

to oversee implementation of the CALFED program. The proposed agency would have 6 federal seats, 6 State seats, and 6 "stakeholder" seats. One of the Stakeholder seats is designated a Delta seat.

Staff is suggesting that the Delta representative be appointed by the Delta Protection Commission to ensure that there will be a strong relationship between the Commission and the CALFED Agency, and that Delta issues will be part of CALFED Agency decision-making.

PAT: Any questions of staff?

PAT: Any public comments?

PAT: Any final comments...

Needs motion and second; Voice vote.

13. Adjourn.