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State Water Board Adopts Delta Decision

Sacramento -- With a unanimous 4-0 vote, the State Water Resources Control Board today adopted a decision addressing water protection objectives for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary. The decision, which was released in draft on December 2, elicited some 40 written comments from interested parties prior to the December 23 comment deadline. Over 30 parties came before the Board to discuss the proposed decision on December 28, 1999, and the Board adopted the decision this morning after considering all comments.

The decision was the result of public hearing conducted by the Board that began July 1, 1998, and has continued for 80 days. The remaining phase of the hearing to consider the responsibility of Sacramento River Basin water right holders in meeting objectives of the Board's 1995 Delta Water Quality Control Plan is scheduled to begin in early spring.

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