

**Meeting Announcement - January 23, 2008, 12 Noon - 2:30pm**

**The Southern California Water Dialogue will meet on Wednesday, January 23 from noon - 2:30 pm at Metropolitan Water District of Southern California headquarters, 700 N. Alameda, Los Angeles, (213) 217-6000. Lunch will be provided.**

**TOPIC: The Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force Recommendations -**

**Speaker: Leo Winternitz**, Deputy Director, Strategic Planning CALFED Bay Delta Program and supporting staff for the Delta Vision Stakeholder Coordination Group and Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force

The Governor's Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force has released its highly-anticipated final report, "Our Vision for the California Delta." The report offers a vision for sustainable management of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Leo Winternitz, lead staff for the Blue Ribbon Task Force, will join the Water Dialogue to discuss why the Task Force Report is important to southern California, the recommendation for more dams and a dual-conveyance facility (known in the 80s as a peripheral canal), the potential cost of designing and piping water through and around the delta, and the schedule for moving from planning to action.

The report urges immediate and coordinated action to preserve California's major source of water - the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. "The Delta is in crisis and each day brings us closer to a major disaster, be it from flooding, from decline of important fish species, or from court-ordered reductions in the amount of water that can be pumped from the state's water supply," said Phil Isenberg, chairman of the task force. An implementation plan is to be developed by the Task Force by October 2008.

A copy of the report can be accessed from the Delta Vision home page at [www.deltavision.ca.gov](http://www.deltavision.ca.gov).

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