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DWR Awards Delta Risk Management Strategy
Contract to URS Corporation

SACRAMENTO - The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded a \$6 million contract to URS Corporation to develop a comprehensive Delta Risk Management Strategy.

The project, which will be completed by early 2008, will help the state better understand risks to Delta levee stability, identify consequences if catastrophic failure occurs, and provide long-term risk reduction alternatives for Delta protection.

The San Joaquin Delta's aging levees are in need of repair. Over the past century, sinking peat soils have lowered the elevations of Delta islands. Both the federal Central Valley Project and the State Water Project depend vitally on these fragile structures to protect California's water supply and water quality. Other types of infrastructure rely on the stability of Delta levees as well, including highways, railroad lines, petroleum pipelines, energy transmission lines, and water supply pipelines that serve the San Francisco Bay area population.

The Delta Risk Management Strategy is part of the 2000 CALFED Record of Decision and was also included in the preferred program alternative that described solutions for the Delta's problems. The project will be a major technical component of the Delta Vision Process currently being conducted by DWR and other agencies to assess long-term sustainability issues for the Delta.

The Center for Collaborative Policy of California State University, Sacramento has been selected to perform public outreach and communications for the project.

More information on the DRMS program is available at www.drms.water.ca.gov.

The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in

water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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