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Summary of Cases Accepted During the Week of January 23, 2006

[This news release is issued to inform the public and the press of cases that the Supreme Court has accepted and of their general subject matter. The statement of the issue or issues in each case set out below does not necessarily reflect the view of the court, or define the specific issues that will be addressed by the court.]

#06-08 *In re Bay-Delta Programmatic Environmental Impact Report Coordinated Proceedings, S138974* (Laub v. Schwarzenegger), S138975 (Regional Council of Rural Counties v. State of California). (C044267, C044577; 133 Cal.App.4th 154; Sacramento County Superior Court; JCCP No. 4152.) Petition for review after the Court of Appeal reversed and affirmed judgments in actions for writ of administrative mandate. This case includes the following issue: Did the final programmatic environmental impact report for the multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional CALFED Bay-Delta Program adequately address alternatives to diverting Bay-Delta water to southern California and the potential environmental impacts of diverting water to be purchased from as yet unidentified sources?

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