

JOSEPH E. PATTEN  
3728 Siskiyou Street  
Redding, California 96001  
(916) 243-2619

September 16, 1995

*August 3  
Workshop  
Comments*

SEP 20 1995

Lester A. Snow  
CalFed Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Les:

Welcome to CalFed and good luck for a successful effort. In view of the diverse interests, the job is a monumental one, especially because of the radically changing views (and some are needed) on environmental needs.

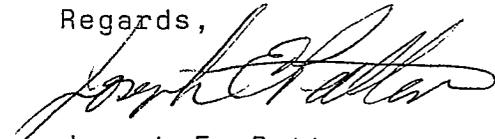
Having worked on nearly all the major projects in the Sacramento Valley over the past 40 years, I have a reasonable understanding of the Basic Hydrology. I have never felt that the environment, especially fisheries, were given adequate consideration during Project Planning. But the Fisheries agencies never had the capability, experience, or directives to plan and develop for the environmental concerns. They relied on regulatory powers that have grown progressively over the years to the point where now we are "planning by regulation". This is a negative approach to problems needing an aggressive positive effort for solutions.

Your outline for the CalFed Delta Program prepared for the Public Workshop I is the best summary of background information I've seen thus far. But the need for "consensus" leaves a mighty spooky road ahead. And with the current water crisis, time is critical.

I'm taking the liberty to send you copies of my comments on Bulletin 160-93 and a letter of last year to CalFed. And I am currently working on a paper that Clair Hill requested I present to the California Water Commission here in Redding October 6. The paper will attempt to put into true perspective the meaning and efficacy of Carryover storage. It also will extend some of the concepts contained in the CH2MHill brochure, "Concepts for reversing Environmental Losses and Meeting California's Water Needs in the 21st Century." I helped them put that together after my retirement as head of their water resources group for 25 years.

I'll send you a copy of the paper when it is finished and would be glad to meet with you if you would like.

Regards,



Joseph E. Patten

P.S. If Dick Daniels had a written presentation for Workshop I, I would appreciate a copy.

B - 0 0 0 6 1 8

B-000618