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Lester Snow--

This is in response to your March 27, 1996 request for comments on the Draft Affected Environment/Existing Conditions Work Plan. Rick Woodard and I have a couple of comments listed below. Stein Buer
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Stein Buer

General Comment: CALFED's early efforts to spell out the work plan for defining the Affected Environment are commendable and very useful. The draft provides an excellent starting point for focusing discussion and efforts to refine the plan.

Rick Woodard

Document Name: "Preparation of the CalFed TIER I EIS/EIR Affected Environment Reports" Section 3.

Page 3-2. second paragraph, last sentence. The statement is made that "Emphasis will be placed on temperature, salinity, and other fish and wildlife habitat condition variables.."

Comment:

A recent public opinion poll showed safe drinking water as heading the list of public concerns relative to the Delta; environmental concerns were rated much lower. While water quality for agricultural, industrial, recreational, and environmental beneficial uses certainly should be addressed in the Calfed process and addressed adequately, drinking water quality should receive the most emphasis.

Literally billions of dollars of capital investment is involved in drinking water issues related to the Delta water supply. To inadequately address these issues seems likely to greatly diminish the chance of success in the process.

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