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Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Lester:

I would like to thank you for participating in the March 17th Senate/Assembly Joint hearing on the status of the CALFED Bay Delta program. I was particularly encouraged by your commitment to schedule a public hearing in Yuba City. As I stated in the committee, I believe more direct input from Northern California residents needs to be considered before we proceed any further.

I appreciate your willingness to solicit more feedback from Northern California. As you might imagine, some of my constituents have concerns with elements of the program. The only way to reach a consensus on this important issue is to involve people in the process. They must be treated as true stakeholders.

The only other suggestion I have is to allocate more time before the final decisions are made. We are about to make one of the most important policy decisions of this decade. We should not act hastily. Simply put, seventy-five days is not enough time to make this monumental decision.

Reviewing the schedule of hearings you have already planned, I suggest that a good date for a Yuba City hearing would be Wednesday, May 20th. Please have one of your staff contact my office if this date, or some alternative, is acceptable.

Again, thank you for your commitment to make this process as open as possible. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming months towards a solution that truly benefits all of California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Woods".

TOM WOODS
Assemblyman, 2nd District

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