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Dear Lester:

We are writing to request that CALFED extend the comment period for the Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR by 75 days. Our groups are working to review and prepare comments on this document. Given the breadth and complexity of the issues addressed in the CALFED process, the other demands of the CALFED process, as well as the length of the document, we believe that the current comment period is unrealistic. Further, the ongoing discussions regarding inclusion of surface storage in the proposed water bond act are diverting key staff resources from the review of the CALFED draft environmental document.

We urge you to respond as soon as possible. Thank you for considering this request.

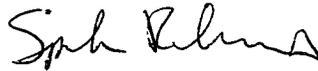
Sincerely,

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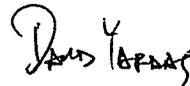
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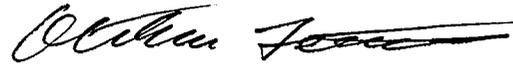
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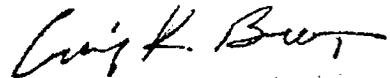
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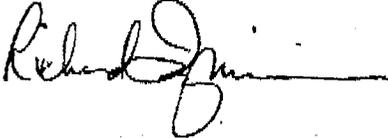


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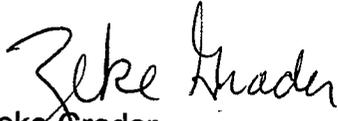
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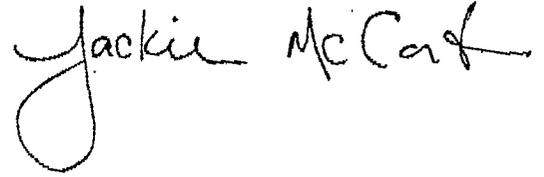
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