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Dear Mr. Snow:

Thank you for the copy of CALFED's Draft EIS/EIR. I appreciate the effort CALFED has put into the document.

Unfortunately, upon initial review of the document, it is apparent that the document does not evaluate an adequate range of alternatives and falls short of achieving its stated goals. Clearly, the process is not ready to move forward. Furthermore, the comment period of 75 days is much too short for readers to assess the document as thoroughly as is appropriate in this circumstance, and develop productive comments. The unrealistically short comment period is further aggravated by the fact that it took two weeks for the document to arrive, though ordered within a few days of its release. In light of these facts, I respectfully request that you extend the comment period for an additional 90 days and schedule additional hearings throughout California to receive comments on the document.

A viable solution for Bay/Delta problems is an endeavor worthy of adequate time and analysis to reach a successful conclusion. Please extend the comment period on the Draft EIS/EIR to improve the possibility of reaching a successful solution.

Respectfully submitted,

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