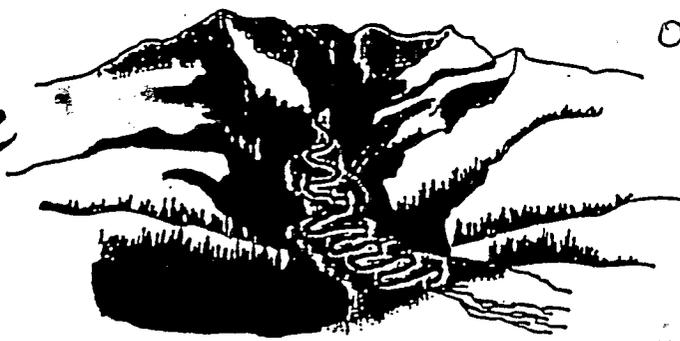


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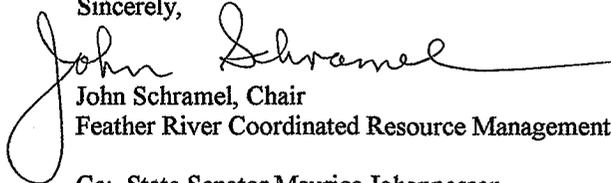
Dear Mr. Snow,

The Feather River Coordinated Resource Management (FR-CRM) group recognizes the ambitious goal of a watershed-wide solution to the Bay-Delta being pursued by the CALFED agencies. The FR-CRM wholeheartedly supports that goal, recognizing the intrinsic role that every hydrologic component (from the watershed crest to the San Francisco Estuary) will have on the Bay-Delta solution.

The Feather River CRM has been undertaking watershed restoration projects since 1985. These projects have been funded by virtually every conceivable agglomeration of funding and in-kind contributions from a variety of 'investors'. These have included EPA/Clean Water Act 319(h) and 205j, Urban Stream Grant, CDF-CFIP and SIP programs, USFS riparian and watershed funds, NRCS- PL566 program, Quincy Library Group- Forest Health Pilot funds, CDF&G- Wildlife Conservation Board, Prop. 204, P.G.&E hydro program, Dept. of Parks & Rec.- Natural Heritage funds, as well as numerous smaller monetary and in-kind contributions from interested groups. Many of these funding sources are one-time, highly cyclic or, often, objective or place specific. While these funding programs have been, and will continue to be, important to the Feather River program, they inherently inhibit implementation efforts that are strategic, large scale and long-term in nature.

It was with great interest that the Plumas National Forest, with the encouragement of CALFED and, in conjunction with the FR-CRM, submitted a proposal for CALFED Category III funding to implement upper watershed restoration projects in the Feather River. This interest turned to dismay when the previous trend toward not funding projects above major reservoirs appears to have continued. CALFED's various draft plans/strategies have all touted the benefits of upper watershed restoration, even above the dams, as contributing to the overall Bay-Delta solution. Yet, to our knowledge, no Category III funding has been allocated to restoration in these vital areas. The Feather River CRM is interested in why this trend continues and what plans, if any, there are to expand the area eligible for this highly important long-term funding program.

Sincerely,


John Schramel, Chair
Feather River Coordinated Resource Management

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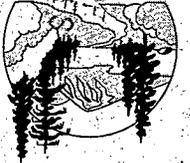
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