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Subject: CALFED Meeting in Redding on May 14, 1998

Dear Mr. Snow:

Thank you for coming to Redding on May 14, 1998 for a BDAC Meeting and for a public hearing on the CALFED Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report. There has been a consistently high level of public awareness and participation within Shasta County regarding the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We feel that meetings such as these are very helpful in exchanging information and developing mutual understandings.

Enclosed are written copies of two of the comments presented at the subject hearing. Their presenters were Ms. Molly Wilson, Supervisor, District 4, and Patrick Minturn, an engineer with the Shasta County Water Agency.

Please note that Supervisor Wilson's comments herein are somewhat more detailed than those submitted at the public hearing. Supervisor Wilson had prepared these comments for presentation before the BDAC. There is a little more to the story, as we will detail below.

Per your letter of May 5, 1998, Supervisor Wilson was invited to address the BDAC. Per your letter, County staff informed Ms. Robin Jenkins of your staff of Supervisor Wilson's intention to address BDAC. Ms. Jenkins arranged a 3:30 p.m. time slot for this purpose. Unfortunately, the BDAC meeting ran over its allotted time. As 5:00 p.m. approached, Ms. Judy Kelly said that, although Supervisor Wilson had been scheduled to address the BDAC, this would be problematic as the meeting threatened to conflict with the public hearing scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. in the same room. Supervisor Wilson felt that, by and large, her comments and concerns had been covered by the other presenters. In a spirit of cooperation, Supervisor Wilson agreed to waive her time slot, with the understanding

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that she would be able to air her comments, in their entirety, during the public hearing. Ms. Kelly assured us that she would fill out a yellow speaker request card for the Supervisor and put it on top of the stack so that she would be the first speaker at the public hearing, unless Senator Johannessen was present, in which case she would speak second. Supervisor Wilson agreed to this, with the stipulation that she would not be subject to the three minute limit. Ms. Kelly indicated that Senator Johannessen had also requested to speak beyond three minutes, and that both of these requests could be accommodated by having them speak before 7:00 p.m., the official start of the public hearing.

Upon commencement of the public hearing, Supervisor Wilson was passed over in the speaking schedule. An inquiry by a representative of Congressman Herger's office determined that a yellow speaker card had not, in fact, been filled out and submitted in the name of Supervisor Wilson. CALFED staff later allowed Supervisor Wilson to speak before the public hearing, but attempted to enforce the three minute limit. Only upon outcries from the audience was Supervisor Wilson permitted to present her comments.

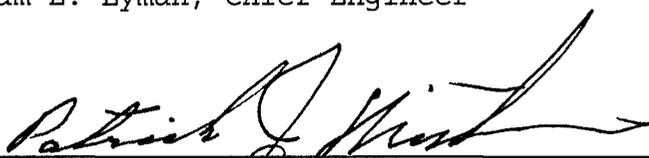
Everything worked out in the end, but we are somewhat disappointed in the process.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (530)225-5181.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosures

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