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Mr. Rick Breitenbach  
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Re: Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR for Bay-Delta Program; Alternate 3 – Preferred Solution

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Vista Irrigation District, a member agency of the San Diego County Water Authority, I appreciate the opportunity to comment on the solutions proposed in the Bay-Delta Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR. By this letter, I am expressing this District's preference for a solution to improvements of the Bay-Delta Estuary. We believe that the Bay-Delta Oversight Committee has identified three very interesting alternatives in forming solutions to the Bay-Delta Estuary. We especially recognize the many hours of work performed by the CALFED staff and by Executive Director Lester Snow.

The VID Board believes that Alternative 3, which includes the enlargement of the East Delta Channel, the addition of an isolated open channel facility, nearly 6.25 million acre feet of additional storage both upstream and downstream of the Delta, and screens and barriers to protect the fish is the best solution to solving the Bay-Delta Estuary problems. The impact of pumping on the San Joaquin River and Delta fish is minimized substantially by Alternative 3. Furthermore, Alternative 3 provides the most operational flexibility for a water project.

We are aware that Alternative 3 will be the most difficult to implement from a political prospective, but we believe the solution can be accomplished if all parties work together because this alternative would provide institutional assurances that would protect Delta agriculture, outflows, and the environment.

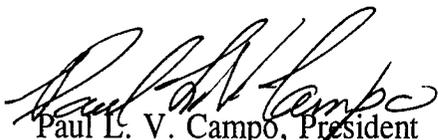
The VID Board is looking forward to following the progress of the CALFED agencies' upcoming deliberations and decisions in selecting an alternative and constructing the necessary Bay Delta facilities that will protect the water supply to northern and southern California. The project, and specifically Alternative 3, is critical for the future of southern California and the citizens of the State of California.

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Thank you for allowing us to provide you with our opinion as we approach this momentous decision.

Very truly yours,

  
Paul L. V. Campo, President  
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cc: San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)  
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