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CALFED Bay-Delta Program
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The Shasta Alliance for Resources & Environment (SHARE) submits the following comments relative the three alternatives to improve water quality in the Bay-Delta as presented by CALFED:

It is extremely important that the Watershed Element of the plan be fully implemented. If we do not improve the watersheds we will neither get the high quality nor the quantity of water that will be needed in the out years. We must reduce fuels buildup, and thin overstocked stands and re-introduce prescribed fire into the landscape. The plan has to address more than erosion control and stabilizing the meadows. This element of the plan must have one of the highest priorities!!

SHARE is opposed to any alternative that extends the height of Shasta Dam. This proposal would require significant costs for the relocation of railroad tracks, highway systems and resorts; plus the replacement of bridges over the newly created reservoir. It would also require the dislocation of a number of private properties in the canyons along the various arms of the newly created lake. The lake would have deeper canyons with no water in them in the late summer and fall and the "bathtub ring" effect would have a significant negative affect on the beauty of the lake.

SHARE would favor an alternative that calls for offstream and instream storage in both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Valleys. These storage facilities would take the water runoff during above average winter storms and store it for maintaining the delta's water quality, especially during summer fish runs and low water years, or for agricultural and municipal use when needed.

SHARE also favors a plan that requires the beneficiaries of Northern California's water to "buy in" to the Watershed and Ecosystem Elements of the plan. This can be done by imposing a watershed/ecosystem restoration fee to those who would benefit from this program and it would provide the source counties with revenue to do the necessary watershed enhancement projects.

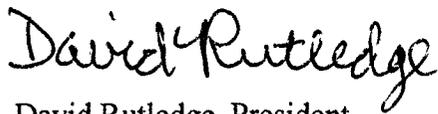
SHARE would recommend that the word "guarantee" be used rather than assurance. This would

make the plan binding and would not redirect any impacts upon the source counties. It would also provide for greater buy in by all.

SHARE would want guarantees written into the plan that neither personal property or water rights are tampered with in any way.

And lastly, SHARE doesn't care for any of the alternatives as presented, and recommends that a new alternative be developed with these recommendation spelled out in it. To be successful, the plan must be fair and equatable for all!

Respectfully,



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