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**WALNUT GROVE AREA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

June 12, 1998

Lester Snow, Director  
CALFED  
1416 Ninth Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Subject: Comments on Programmatic Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR)

Dear Mr. Snow:

I am writing to you as the President of the Walnut Grove Area Chamber of Commerce. The CALFED project alternatives described in the DEIR will have an adverse impact on the community of Walnut Grove, and to other communities and business in the Delta area.

The common program includes an ecosystem restoration program plan which will have a devastating effect on the local businesses in our community. The local economy of Walnut Grove is based on two equally important areas: agriculture and tourism.

Agriculture is, and has been for over 150 years, the basis of the Delta's economy. The conversion of thousands of acres of productive prime agricultural land into wildlife habitat to offset past sins of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project is unconscionable. The loss of the agricultural dollars, and the dollars which ripple out from the farmers to the merchants, community services, suppliers, packers, etc., would cripple our community.

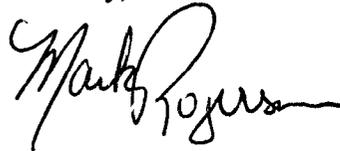
Our second big industry is tourism. While increased numbers of fish could possibly entice more fishermen, or entice the current fishermen to fish longer, the controls and limits which are being considered for recreational boating would be extremely negative. Extensive areas of 5 mph speed limits and seasonal and permanent closures of some waterways would also have a devastating impact on local marinas and other visitor-serving businesses.

The Chamber of Commerce recommends that the CALFED revise its program to protect the existing viable economic activities in Walnut Grove and the Delta--agriculture and water-based recreation.

Finally, the Chamber is concerned with any proposal which diverts water out of the "common pool" in the Delta and cannot support any variation of Alternative 3, which would construct an "isolated conveyance facility", a variation of the Peripheral Canal of the 1980's.

Please accept these comments as a loud vote of concern from Walnut Grove, the "heart" of the Delta. The project should be modified to protect our community, and the Delta we know and love.

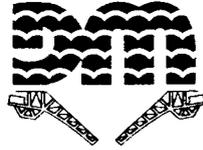
Sincerely,

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Mark Rogerson  
President

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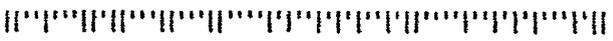
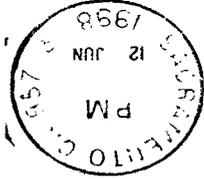


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