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Mr. Rick Breitenbach
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Re: CALFED Bay/Delta Program Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

Thank you for the opportunity for Yuba County Water Agency to provide written comments on the CALFED Bay/Delta Program Programmatic EIS/EIR. Our Agency's comments are enclosed.

We understand that CALFED intends to prepare a revised draft programmatic EIS/EIR that will identify a draft preferred alternative and which will be available for public review and comment before preparation of a final programmatic EIS/EIR in 1999. Our Agency strongly recommends that the draft EIS/EIR be extensively rewritten before it is reissued. Virtually every component of the draft program, as now written, would result in significant adverse redirected impacts to agriculture and agricultural communities in the Sacramento Valley. Yet, the draft program proposes no meaningful mitigation for those impacts.

Our Agency would expect northern California communities to oppose the CALFED program in the strongest terms unless it is substantially revised to address and resolve the concerns noted in our comments.

Sincerely,

YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY

By: *Tib Belza*
Tib Belza, Chairman
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Enclosure

cc: (w/encl.)
Congressman Wally Herger
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Assemblyman Bernie Richter

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