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Re: *CALFED Bay-Delta Program*

Dear Mr. Snow:

Del Oro Water Company represents over 8,000 families and businesses in the north state and is very concerned with the impact of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

In your development of this program, as pertains to Northern California, we strongly urge your consideration of the following.

Storage and Conveyance

1. CALFED must construct facilities for upstream storage of surface water in the Sacramento Valley.

Groundwater

2. The CALFED preferred alternative should propose actions that will effectively address the water supply problems of the entire state, rather than the more limited scope defined by Bay-Delta issues.
3. Conjunctive use definitions and programs proposed in the current CALFED planning process must prove to be reliable and consistent upon actual implementation.
4. Upstream storage of surface water on the west side of the northern Sacramento Valley must be constructed before implementing a statewide "conjunctive use" program that proposes to evacuate and export local groundwater during dry years.
5. CALFED must assure northern Sacramento Valley water users that their proposed groundwater programs will adhere to local groundwater management plans, monitoring programs and city and county groundwater ordinances.

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6. Potential impacts from the proposed additional groundwater extraction programs that must be assessed by CALFED include:
 - a. Subsidence
 - b. Permanent decline in groundwater levels (mining)
 - c. Surface water/groundwater interaction and the impacts to surface supplies (i.e. Sacramento River and its tributaries)
 - d. Decline in groundwater quality
 - e. Significant drop in groundwater levels
 7. All potential impacts should be evaluated by factoring into the assessment the importance of ultimate water needs, existing water rights, and the area of origin priority of northern Sacramento Valley counties.
- Flood Management
8. CALFED solutions should provide flood control enhancements through the development of new storage, coordinated management and operations for proposed facilities.
 9. CALFED must construct upstream storage of surface water in Sacramento Valley with attendant flood control features.
 10. The carrying capacity of existing flood control channels must be maintained and/or improved through the CALFED program.
 11. The impacts associated with the development of setback levees must be closely scrutinized by CALFED.

Your thoughts regarding these suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards,



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