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

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

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

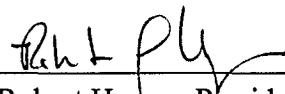
We understand that CALFED intends to prepare a revised draft programmatic EIS/EIR that will identify a draft preferred alternative and which will be available for public review and comment before preparation of a final programmatic EIS/EIR in 1999. Our District strongly recommends that the draft EIS/EIR 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. It seems clear that the purpose of the draft program is to cause a massive transfer of water resources from the Sacramento Valley to CALFED purposes, resulting in many significant impacts that would shake the very foundation of agricultural production in the Sacramento Valley. Yet, the draft program proposes no meaningful mitigation for those impacts.

Our District 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,

Westside Water District

By: 
Robert Harper, President
Board of Directors

Enclosure

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