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CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 115  
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Attn: Rick Breitenbach

RE: Comment on May 8, 1998 LOWER COSUMNES RESOURCE  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT LETTER

Mr Breitenbach:

I have some observations of my own for the CALFED Review Period which closes on the first of July.

There are two basic needs of the PEAT ZONE of the Delta which have not been given a solution in any of your statements.

They are Land Subsidence and Oxidation and how CALFED proposes to address this on a long-term program , the other is tax-base which has rapidly deteriorated.

I keep hearing about "Willing Sellers" and perhaps it would be timely to incorporate in your Economic Statement why this is mentioned so often?

I would also make the point that the Delta Protection Commission ,with it's Legislative Law to enforce 80 Acre Parcel Agricultural Zoning has driven our Tax-Base to a point where the Delta land owners have no recourse but to sell to the various governmental agency's .

Prospect, Little Holland, Liberty, Sherman, Twitchell and soon McCormack-Williamson are the present list of "Willing Sellers".

I had one of my Lower Cosumnes Directors observe that in all of California the cheapest land is the PEAT-ZONE of the Delta.

In the July Ag-Alert newspaper it lists land on Bradford at \$ 1200.00 per acre.

Another thought which you might address is why the 80 Acre Agricultural Zoning does not apply to Governmental Purchases inside of this DELTA ZONE ?

I will make a further observation that as a citizen I am entitled to vote for my representative on the Board of Supervisors who represents the value of my land through my payment of County Land Tax, this right to raise my Tax-Base has been taken away from me and all other citizens of the Delta by this Delta Protection Commissions Legislative Act.

It would be much more sensible to have the PEAT-ZONE of the Delta designated as 20 Acre Habitant Stewardship with elevated dwellings with a thin covering of water to stop the present oxidation.

This program of Habitant Stewardship is not being addressed in any of your alternative proposals .

Both Twitchell and Sherman are continuing to be farmed in the face of Oxidation and by this act the continuing destruction of the PEAT ZONE shows the lack of responsibility of these State Agency's

I am a representative of the State Toxic Hot Spot Advisory Committee and have the documentation of the greatest toxic hot spot in the State which is from Freeport to Hood.

The present beginning of the New Peripheral Canal is at Hood.

Why is this fact not mentioned in your reports?

My RCD Board has made a statement about socioeconomic impacts and is asking that this question be fully addressed.

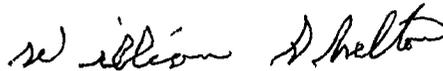
This letter is to reinforce my thoughts on the PEAT ZONE of the Delta.

Thank You,

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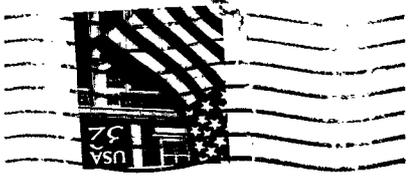
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