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Mr. Lester Snow  
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RE: SHASTA LAKE ENLARGMENT

Dear Mr. Snow:

I have read a draft of the CALFED BAY DELTA PROGRAM, CALFED Storage and Conveyance Components Facility Descriptions and Cost Estimate, Volume 2 of 3. All of my following comments and questions are in reference to this particular document.

I would respectfully like to request all documents that offer alternatives, including conservation alternatives that pertain to CALFED's mission statement to develop a long-term, comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (BAY DELTA) system.

Your position of EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR of CALFED is one of great responsibility, a position I respect, as all of California's resources rest on your shoulders.

CALFED's mission statement is also a very noble one, to restore some our natural resources back to a sustainable balance, that has been put out of balance by the rapid overdevelopment by man.

After reading the Shasta Lake Enlargement Plan, I am deeply concerned about several issues. There is no description of how this plan is to benefit the Bay-Delta, as mentioned in CALFED's mission statement and certainly no guarantee or legislation that would make the Shasta Lake Enlargement Plan enhance the quality of the Bay-Delta area.

The Shasta Lake Enlargement Plan as written is clearly just a plan for more water storage to continue our unmanaged rapid growth of California. This clearly is a contradiction of CALFED's mission statement.

I have a few questions and comments as follows:

1. Question: CALFED should provide accurate information to the public such as cost to:
  - a. Modify Shasta Lake Temperature Control Device.
  - b. Cost of environmental documentation, operation and maintenance cost, power cost, reservoir filling cost, and interest during construction.
2. Comment: The immediate cost of \$2,000.00 per acre based on Reclamations Division of Land Resources figures is wrong. This delicate area is priceless, once it is gone it will be gone forever. No amount of money could buy this remaining area.

3. Comment & Question:

There is no cost estimate for environmental mitigation in this report, the information gathered for the environmental section of this report was gathered from existing literature with limited original research, and no field work was conducted for this analysis. This important information in this process, and it is not available in your report, can it be made available. Will field work be performed by an objective party?

4. Question:

How will the loss of 80% of the winter habitat for deer and elk be mitigated?

5. Question:

How will potential water quality problems created by old mines and mining waste affecting fisheries both in the lake and streams be mitigated?

6. Question:

What are CALFED's solutions to protect the following fish and wildlife species that are either listed or candidates for listing by the following State and Federal agencies: California Department of Fish and Game, Natural Diversity Data Base, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service:

Shasta Salamander  
Bald Eagle  
Northern Spotted Owl  
Peregrine Falcon  
Delta Smelt  
Vernal Pool Fairy Shrimp  
Tailed Frog  
Hardhead  
Shasta Sideburned Snail  
Pale Pig-Eared Bat  
Spotted Bat  
Fringed Myotis Bat  
Northern Goshawk  
Ferruginous Hawk  
White Faced Ibis  
Western Spudfoot Toad  
Green Sturgeon  
Pit Roach  
Siskiyou Ground Beetle  
Long-Eared Myotis

Rough Scalpin  
Northern Spotted Owl  
California Wolverine  
Winter Run Chinook Salmon  
Shasta Cray Fish  
Valley Elderberry Longhorn Beetle  
Foothill Yellow-Legged Frog  
Northwestern Pond Turtle  
Pacific Fisher  
Sacramento Splittail  
Long-Eared Myotis  
Yuma Myotis  
Tri-Colored Blackbird  
Little Willow Flycatcher  
California Horned Lizard  
McCloud River Redband Trout  
River Lamprey  
Longfin Smelt  
Trinity Alps Ground Beetle

7. Question:

How will CALFED protect the following federal or state listed plants as follows:

Silky Crypartha  
Scott Mountain Pacelia  
Bellingers Meadowfoam  
Hendersons Bent Grass  
Thread-leaved Penstemon  
Cantelow's lewisia  
Shasta Snow Wreath

8. Question:

What is CALFED's solution to mitigate the loss of (335) known archeological sites, (126) ethnographic sites, and Wintu Indian burial grounds?

In my opinion, this plan by CALFED is absolutely unthinkable. There is no way that CALFED could mitigate or pay for the loss of environmental, cultural, and historical value that belong to not only us, but all of our future generations.

I look forward to reviewing your response(s) to the above questions and comments.

Respectfully yours,



Stephen M. Potts  
Vice President

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