

# State Water Contractors

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## Comments Related to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program

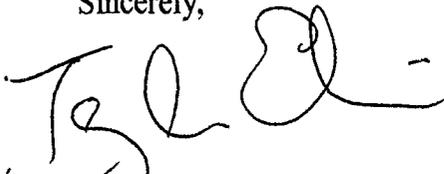
Dear Lester:

The State Water Contractors, representing 27 public water agencies operating within California who contract with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for water supplies from the State Water Project (SWP) have reviewed the draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environment Impact Report (EIS/EIR) on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

The SWC fully supports the efforts of CALFED and reaffirms its support for development of a program that can engender broad stakeholder consensus for the long term. We also support development of a preferred alternative by the end of the year and further development of institutional and legal assurances that are critical to success of the Program. We believe CALFED must continue to take a balanced approach to resolving the problems of the Bay-Delta, incorporating marketplace principles for resource utilization, regulatory and non-regulatory incentives for sound resource management, and investments in source water protection, water conservation, water recycling, surface and groundwater storage and improved conveyance to reduce conflicts among water uses within the system. Such a balanced approach should provide for near-term water supply and water quality improvements to match the expected benefits for the ecosystem and common programs. With this approach, all stakeholder interests can "get better together" and achieve a fair and sustainable future for all Californians.

The SWC participated in development of and support the technical comments on the Programmatic EIS/EIR being submitted by the Agricultural and Urban Caucuses. The SWC plan on continued participation in the CALFED process and will submit comments on the preferred alternative contained in the revised draft Programmatic EIS/EIR. If you have any questions about our comments, please call me at (916) 447-7357.

Sincerely,



for Steve Macaulay  
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