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The Honorable  
Sharon Levy, Chairman  
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Subject: Acquisition & Restoration of Riparian Habitat  
and Floodplain Lands along the San Joaquin River

The Honorable  
Al Ginsburg, Vice-Chairman  
Madera County Board of Supervisors

Dear Mr. Snow:

The Honorable  
Jim Patterson  
Mayor, City of Fresno

It is the mission of the San Joaquin River Conservancy, a public agency, to preserve and enhance the San Joaquin River's extraordinary biological diversity and to protect its valued natural resources.

The Honorable  
John Wells  
Councilman, City of Madera

We join a coalition of agricultural, environmental and flood protection groups sharing a strong interest in riparian habitat restoration along the mainstem of the San Joaquin River corridor from Friant Dam to its confluence with the Merced River. These groups have joined together to solicit CALFED funding for acquisition of land that will provide riparian habitat and flood protection benefits. The proposed acquisitions are within the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan study area and are consistent with CALFED floodplain management and habitat restoration objectives and CALFED species goals for migratory birds. These acquisitions are also supported by, and consistent with implementation of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA).

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The San Joaquin River Riparian Habitat Restoration Program (SJRRHRP) sponsored by the Friant Water Users Authority, the Natural Resources Defense Council and the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Association is submitting this request on behalf of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Luis National Wildlife Refuge, the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust and the San Joaquin River Conservancy. We are hopeful that CALFED will support this collaborative effort by approving this funding request.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, staff was directed to seek and secure funds to acquire riparian corridor properties before development can take place, -thus the reason for our writing you at this time.

Yours very truly,

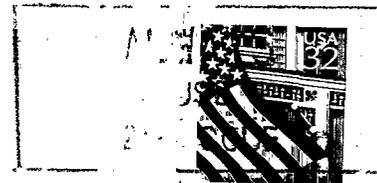
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