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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

Rancho Esquon Partners continues to be interested in the timely construction of the Adams Dam fish ladder and screen project. We had hoped that the project could have been constructed last summer, but now are hopeful that the Adams Dam project and other Butte Creek projects will be completed this year.

As you know, the up-front environmental work, design, and engineering take some time to prepare. It would be a travesty if these items were not ready for construction to occur this summer. Additional delays place this high priority project in jeopardy of not being completed in 1998. The potential for the Butte Creek fishery to regain its once-great status is at hand.

The Bureau of Reclamation (CVPIA) has already obligated money for 50% of the project cost. However, without the additional Category III funds and Proposition 204 funds awarded in December, the project cannot go forward. Anything you can do to expedite the remaining funding for the Butte Creek projects would have a near immediate benefit for the fish. Please do whatever you can do to accelerate the CALFED process.

Sincerely,



Dan Boatwright