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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
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Dear Mr. Snow:

Adopt-A-Watershed and Sacramento River Discovery Center CALFED Proposal

The Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) has worked with the Sacramento River Discovery Center (Discovery Center) to develop a pond and over 13 acres of associated riparian and wetland habitat areas adjacent to the Sacramento River at the US Forest Service's Lake Red Bluff Recreation Area near Red Bluff. These activities are coordinated with educational programs about the varied habitats in a watershed. The Discovery Center initiated and coordinated the habitat planting in which 540 children planted 2,700 plants in one day and participated in a variety of watershed educational programs about plants and habitat. This event was indicative of the kinds of programs that have demonstrated the effectiveness of the Discovery Center to involve the community in education and restoration efforts.

The subject CALFED proposal is the logical next step in developing a model for watershed restoration, education, and long-term connection to the land and the river for educational groups and the general public. The Discovery Center has demonstrated its ability to pull together diverse groups of people to best achieve this kind of effort. It has the foundation of the programs in place and is poised to provide a model for replication throughout the watershed.

The WCB supports the efforts and goals of the Discovery Center to develop an educated populace that understands, appreciates, and wisely manages watersheds, and I encourage your support of this proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. John Schmidt".

W. John Schmidt
Executive Director

cc: Cathy Klinesteker, Sacramento River Discovery Center, P.O. Box 1298, Red Bluff, CA 96080