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Dear Mr. Snow:

"Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site-Specific Management"

This letter is to inform you of the Wildlife Conservation Board's (WCB) support, cooperation and participation in The Nature Conservancy's (TNC) 1999 CALFED proposal "**Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site Specific Management.**" This proposal implements CALFED's Sacramento River Stage I Action, and complements the goals of the Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) and Department of Fish and Game (DFG) Habitat Acquisition and Management Program.

The current 1999 proposal builds on the partnership and efforts initiated through the 1997 CALFED grant (97- NO2) for the Sacramento River proposal "Floodplain Acquisition and Management Project". That project established a partnership between the TNC, WCB, DFG and US Fish and Wildlife Service under a Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate acquisition and planning within The Sacramento River Conservation Area. Over the past decade, these four organizations have worked to acquire approximately 15,000 acres of flood prone land and restore 2,640 acres of riparian habitat along the Sacramento River.

The WCB would be pleased to continue participating in the CALFED 97-N02 steering committee as a process for determining acquisition and management priorities for CALFED grants awarded to TNC based on the **Floodplain Acquisition and Sub-Reach/Site Specific Management** proposal. WCB will continue to coordinate planning efforts with its 97-NO2 partners, and would be pleased to consider taking title to additional lands that fit within the goals and management objectives of WCB/DFG, either upon close of escrow, if appropriate, or following interim TNC management and restoration.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

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

W. John Schmidt
Executive Director

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