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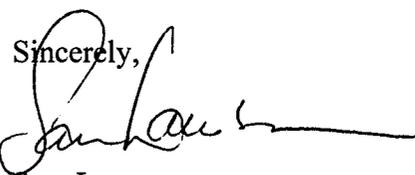
Dear Mr. Snow.

The Nature Conservancy would like to express our support for the 1999 CALFED proposal being submitted by Glenn County Public Works entitled "Habitat Restoration/Floodway Enhancement: Wilson Landing to Big Chico Creek on the Sacramento River." This proposal is an example of the sub-reach scale site-specific planning envisioned within the SB 1086 "Sacramento River Conservation Area Handbook." In addition, it addresses CALFED's focused action for Sacramento River to "continue studies and demonstration projects which address potential changes in hydrology and geomorphology, local economic impacts, and other issues associated with ongoing riparian protection and restoration work."

The Nature Conservancy and Glenn County have agreed to work collaboratively on our planning efforts, and will initiate this process within the Chico Landing sub-reach, as part of the CALFED 97-NO2 contract. These efforts compliment Glenn County's proposed project.

We support Glenn County in taking an active role to identify flood management solutions that are consistent both with CALFED's Stage I Action for the Sacramento River and with the goals and objectives of the SB 1086 Riparian Habitat Program.

We look forward to actively supporting and participating in this project and working toward our mutual goals of a healthy Sacramento River ecosystem.

Sincerely,

Sam Lawson
Sacramento River Project Director