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Sacramento River Partners
Mr. John Carlon
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John,

Thank you for the onsite tour of your proposed CALFED restoration project. Since we are adjoining landowners you have asked for my support of this project. As a board member of Western Canal Water District and Chairman of Butte Creek Drainage District, I have a responsibility to investigate projects that may impact the 60,000 acres owned by multiple landowners.

The regular meeting dates for Western Canal and Butte Creek Drainage District will not coincide with your deadline for submission to CALFED. Therefore, I cannot speak for the other board members at this time, but I invite you to make a presentation at our next scheduled meeting.

I have been a resident of Glenn County for 61 years and as a landowner, I have observed many changes in river flows, damage to property and significant crop losses. Much of this has occurred as a direct result of river management programs. My initial impression of your proposed project is that it has the potential to adversely effect our area.

I believe that we left the meeting with the understanding that as an initial requirement for your proposed project, a complete hydrological study and river modeling of all potentially affected areas should be completed before the project is allowed to move to the final planning stages.

I agree with the objective in "Adverse and Third Party Impacts" of incorporating local interests into the design of your project. I would suggest as an additional requirement, that those local interests should also participate in the evaluation of the project after completion, if the project does go forward. This would cover many years of additional study after project completion. If the project is found to be detrimental to the affected parties, the project would be removed and those affected parties will be entitled to compensation for damages.

John, I am more than willing to assist in discussions about design of the project, and implementation if that is the final decision. As to your request for immediate support for your project, I must decline.

Sincerely,

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