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CALFED FUNDING PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

This letter is in regard to the proposal submitted by the Calaveras County Water District dated April 15, 1999, for funding for the Calaveras County Watershed Management and Stewardship Program. While we can agree with the District that "restoring, rehabilitating and enhancing the watershed of the foothills and mountains tributary to the Calaveras, Mokelumne and Stanislaus Rivers" is in our mutual best interest, we strongly disagree with certain aspects of this proposal.

Specifically, we take issue with Task E, Calaveras River Anadromous Fisheries Restoration; Task E-1, Conjunctive Water Use Study; Task E-2, preliminary Fluvial Morphology Field Investigation; and Task E-3, New Hogan Lake Conservancy Project. We believe that these tasks are not consistent with the stated objective of Calaveras County Water District, or within the purview of CALFED. Furthermore, the proposal deals with restoration of anadromous fish runs on the Calaveras River, which we believe have never existed. The New Hogan watershed does not experience any runoff from snowmelt. For this reason, prior to the construction of New Hogan Dam, the Calaveras River dried up for most of its length during most years, which would not have allowed the establishment of anadromous fish runs.

Some of the concepts in the District's proposal have merit, and we would be willing to work with them to modify the proposal so that we could support it. However, we request that CALFED reject the proposal in its current form.

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