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Mr. Lester Snow, Director
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re: CALFED - Proposal Solicitation for the Ecosystem Restoration
Projects and Programs

Mr. Snow:

Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) has been informed by Stockton East Water District (SEWD) that although they have no problem with CCWD's filing of a CALFED grant application as referenced, they are concerned that they may be perceived as being in support of an element in the application. One aspect of the application will focus on CCWD establishing a steering committee to conduct a conjunctive water use study on alternatives for providing New Hogan water to support a Calaveras River Anadromous Fishery. This aspect would be limited to that portion of the Calaveras River between New Hogan Dam and Calaveras/San Joaquin County line.

SEWD has indicated in a recent letter to the State Department of Fish & Game that "if there were a way to meet SEWD's water needs without full dependence upon New Hogan, SEWD would then at least discuss the possibility of committing some water for fish." CCWD put a task in the grant application to evaluate supplemental water sources that may be used in lieu of New Hogan water, perhaps from New Melones as an example. Our intent is to follow the same guideline as stated by SEWD.

CCWD is also working jointly with SEWD on a watershed study of the Calaveras River through a grant funded by the State Water Resources Control Board. CCWD is

actively pursuing ways to ensure that its watershed remain pristine and is urging CALFED to look favorably on its Ecosystem Restoration grant application.

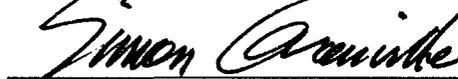
The CCWD position on its CALFED proposal is that water allocated for consumptive purposes cannot be taken to support an anadromous fishery unless mechanisms are first in place to mitigate the impact for that use. This is an important issue that the CCWD/CALFED application will address and is an essential element that can only move forward positively with your support.

As you may already be aware, subsequent to the submittal of our CALFED application, Assembly Member Michael Machado, Chair of the Assembly Committees of Water and Parks & Wildlife, endorsed support for the establishment of a salmon habitat in the Calaveras River. Attached is a copy of his letter. We plan to contact you in the near future to set a meeting with Assembly Member Machado and members of our Board to discuss the important and positive aspects of this CALFED proposal.

CCWD is interested in taking a comprehensive proactive approach to communicate with our constituency through this CALFED proposal. We also feel it timely to discuss with you the CCWD CALFED application and its benefit to the community.

Sincerely,

CALAVERAS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT



Simon Granville
General Manager

Attachment

Cc: Assembly Member Michael Machado

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