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September 7, 1999

Lester Snow
Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
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Dear Mr. Snow:

The Kern County Board of Supervisors would like to express its deep concerns with the inadequacy of the Programmatic Environmental Statement (EIS) issued by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program in addressing critical supply and quality issues confronting users of Delta water, both now and in the future.

The process begun by environmental, urban, and agricultural interests in partnership with State and federal agencies was aimed at finding balanced solutions to these problems. However, the EIS fails to identify detailed strategy either for reversing 20 years of neglect to California's water storage and delivery system or for making the improvements to Delta water quality demanded by increasingly tougher new drinking water standards.

California cannot afford to continue putting off decisions to invest the necessary resources in water supply and water quality that will enable our economy and our population to continue prospering. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program must guarantee clear and quantifiable benefits to water users in order to justify the substantial investments that will be required. We ask your support for the attached resolution, which calls for an aggressive, detailed plan to provide a continued supply of clean, safe water for current and future generations of Californians.

Sincerely,

Jon McQuiston, Chairman
Kern County Board of Supervisors

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Attachment

- cc: Kern County Water Agency
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