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RE: 1999 Proposal for Clear Lake Wetlands Restoration (99-C136)

Dear Mr. Snow:

Thank you for your August 2, 1999 letter to Mark Dellinger of the Lake County Sanitation District that our proposal 99-C136 was not recommended for funding. Our disappointment turned to frustration when we discovered in the CALFED score sheet the completely erroneous and unfounded conclusion that the County is "under an obligation to do the work," and that therefore the proposal was not responsive to the PSP. A copy of the score sheet is attached for reference.

We are puzzled as to how this erroneous conclusion could be reached, especially when our proposal contained no indication of compulsory work whatsoever. I assure you that nobody is forcing us to pursue wetlands restoration. Our efforts are based on a local recognition and commitment that watershed ecosystem health is an essential foundation for both environmental quality and economic prosperity.

Given our County's significant commitment of resources to participate in your PSP process, we would appreciate responses to the following questions:

1. What specific information in our proposal document led to the conclusion that the County is "under an obligation to do the work" as stated in your evaluation form?
2. Why was Lake County not given an opportunity to correct this misunderstanding during the proposal evaluation process?

This is Lake County's second attempt to invite CALFED to become a partner in an ongoing, multi-agency watershed restoration effort, and frankly, we are frustrated at the apparent lack of concern for critical issues in the upper portions of the Sacramento River system. It is doubly frustrating when your process apparently functions without regard for confirming factual conditions. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


Karan Mackey, Chair