

Record of call from Rick Britenbach

This call from Mr. Britenbach was in response to my phone calls beginning roughly November 14, 1997, as a follow-up to the meeting of that date attended by AJ Yates and myself. I expressed concern that impacts on agricultural resources were not receiving adequate attention in the CALFED programmatic EIR and that we were at an impasse regarding impacts on agriculture. He assured me that they were concerned and sensitive about impacts on agriculture and that they were very receptive to written input, which they would "slip right into the EIR." He was surprised to hear the word "impasse" and I related the issues raised in our written correspondence, which he was not aware of, other than to say that he was aware that we had "taken some shots."

He expressed the opinion that impacts on agriculture would be dealt with adequately at the site-specific level.

I suggested that programmatic alternatives and measures to avoid, reduce, and mitigate impacts on agriculture are needed at the programmatic level.

He seemed at a loss to conceive of what these possible could be and suggested that I give him something in writing.

It was quite clear to me that CALFED has entirely ignored our input, and will probably issue an EIR which is grossly inadequate in its treatment of agriculture and agricultural resources.