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Date: April 3, 1997
Contact: Dana Wyingner, Barbara Baltimore,
Sutter County Environmental Health Department
Setting: Meeting at Sutter County Offices

I met with Dana Wyingner and Barbara Baltimore and with the Sutter County Department of Environmental Health regarding CALFED conjunctive use issues. The following is a summary of our conversation:

- 1) I initially answered questions regarding CALFED, its formation, composition, purpose and principles. The attendees knew very little about CALFED.
- 2) Dana and Barbara are concerned about the conjunctive use, especially in light of DWR's recently released Supplemental Water Purchase Program EIR. They were not aware of the distinction between DWR and CALFED, and we spent some time discussing the roles of each entity.
- 3) They are concerned about many components of DWR's American Basin Conjunctive Use Program, and do not believe that they have been given consideration. ~~These issues include~~ migration of poor quality water, subsidence, and the ability of the planned recharge to replenish the deeper aquifers.
- 4) They also believe that the recent SWP EIR has many flaws and were surprised when it came out because "no one seemed to know about it." They agreed that many of the water districts may have been aware of the EIR, but there has been a deficiency in communication to the County.
- 5) Most of Sutter County has high groundwater, so a conjunctive use program has to take that into account.
- 6) They would be amenable to a pilot conjunctive use project, provided the following issues are addressed:
 - a. Adequate monitoring for subsidence and water quality
 - b. Monitoring of the deep aquifer
 - c. The pilot area is well defined
 - d. Agricultural resources are protected
- 7) They just learned that some wells in Sutter County were used for the drought water bank and are very concerned that the SWP EIR concludes that all of western Sutter County is suitable for conjunctive use. They believe that the monitoring during the water bank pumping was negligible and insufficient to draw such broad conclusions.

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- 8) DWR and CALFED should better define and coordinate there efforts so that competition for Sacramento Valley water is mitigated.
- 9) They would be very interested in a CALFED workshop to discuss conjunctive use issues.