

Dave Samson



**CALFED  
BAY-DELTA  
PROGRAM**

1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, California 95814

**(916) 657-2666**  
FAX **(916) 654-9780**

March 17, 1998

Kamyar Guivetchi, Chief  
Suisun Marsh Branch  
Environmental Services Office  
Department of Water Resources  
3251 "S" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95816-7017

Dear Kamyar:

I am writing to express my appreciation for your team's successful efforts to recalibrate DWRDSM1, Suisun Marsh Version. My request for this work was prompted by concerns expressed by federal agencies about the accuracy of DWRDSM1, given that flow and velocity data collected by the USGS had not been incorporated into model calibrations. In an effort to be responsive to this concern without impeding the completion of DWRDSM2, I requested that you assemble a team to conduct the recalibration.

Despite a heavy ongoing workload, you assembled a team to conduct the recalibration, including an exhaustive review of existing geometric data and cross sectional representations in the model. The work was completed expeditiously, with excellent coordination with all interested parties. The final report which your team produced, "Recalibration of the Delta Simulation Model I (Suisun Marsh Version), Final Report, September 4, 1997" was clear and concise.

---

**CALFED Agencies**

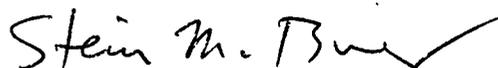
**California**  
The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

This effort was an important part of the modeling effort leading to preparation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program Draft EIR/EIS, released to the public this week and reflects great credit upon the recalibration team members and the Department of Water Resources. Please convey my appreciation to each member of the team.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stein M. Buer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent checkmark-like flourish at the end.

Stein M. Buer  
Assistant Director

cc:

Steve Yaeger  
Robert Potter  
Randy Brown

bcc:  
Mark Cowin  
Dave Samson