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Ms. Judith A. Heath
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Dear Ms. Heath,

On Friday, January 23, 1998, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board approved a revised 303(d) list for the Central Valley Region. As part of that action, they removed the pesticide *carbofuran* from its former listing as an impairment of the Sacramento River. This was based on historical water quality monitoring data from both the California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) and the United States Geological Survey. These data show that carbofuran has not been detected in the Sacramento River above its performance goal value of 0.4 µg/l since 1989. The staff recommendation was as follows:

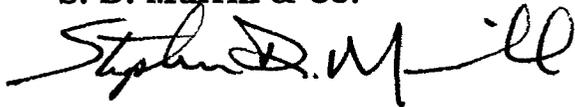
“Staff has reviewed the available carbofuran monitoring data for the Sacramento River from DPR and USGS. Because the monitoring data shows carbofuran concentrations in the Sacramento River to be consistently below the performance goal, staff has recommended that the pesticide be removed from the list for the Sacramento River.”

This action was a direct result of the success of the DPR Rice Pesticide Management Program.

At the December 3, 1997 meeting of the Parameter Assessment Group, we discussed removing carbofuran from the list of parameters of concern. We decided not to remove carbofuran from the list but did say we should reconsider if the 303(d) status changed. In light of the Regional Board's action, I suggest that we reconsider our decision. The Request Form for Addition/Deletion to the CALFED Water Quality Parameter of Concern List is attached. If we are not able to address this issue at tomorrow's meeting, I request that you put it on the agenda for our next meeting.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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