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Dear Interested Party:

We are pleased to transmit the Summary Report of the Facilitated Scientific Review of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP). This Summary Report outlines the recommendations and discussions of the Scientific Review Panel which was convened by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program on October 6 - 9 to provide an independent scientific evaluation of the ERPP. The Panel was comprised of eight nationally recognized experts in various disciplines including hydrology, landscape ecology, fisheries biology, plant ecology, wetland restoration and ecology and conservation biology. The purpose of the Scientific Review Panel was to evaluate and strengthen the basic scientific theories and the planning approach of the ERPP. CALFED will use the Panel's recommendations in refining the ERPP in addition to comments received in the ongoing review.

The Summary Report was prepared by an independent facilitation team and has been reviewed by all eight panelists. The Report is divided into three sections: Section One lists the Panel's six key points and recommendations; Section Two presents 34 additional findings; and Section Three is a synthesis of the responses to twelve questions developed by CALFED staff and the BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group to facilitate the Panel's review.

The BDAC Ecosystem Restoration Work Group will meet on Monday, November 17, 1997 from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 1131, Resources Building, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento to discuss and comment on the Panel's recommendations contained within the Summary Report. These comments will be summarized and provided to BDAC for discussion at the December meeting.

Written comments on the Panel's Summary Report should be received no later than November 24 to ensure that they can be incorporated into the material to be sent to BDAC. These discussions and public comment will help CALFED in the evaluation and implementation of suggested revisions to the ERPP.

We look forward to your comments on the Scientific Review Panel Summary Report and appreciate your participation in the review and refinement of the ERPP. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Sharon Gross at the letterhead address above or by phone at (916) 657-2666.

Thank you for your interest and review.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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California Environmental Protection Agency
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