

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

October 13, 1998

The Honorable Bruce Babbitt
Secretary
Department of the Interior
18th & C Streets N W
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Secretary:

We are writing to urge you to intensify your already considerable efforts to bring the CALFED process to a conclusion in California.

As you are well aware, the fight that arose this year over the proposed water bond for the November ballot has diverted time and energy among the major stakeholder groups from pushing the CALFED effort forward toward recommending a preferred alternative by the November, 1998 deadline that you and Governor Wilson committed to this past summer.

For CALFED to fail would be calamitous. It would end the cooperative effort among all stakeholders that has moved forward over the past five years, and could also mean that the close coordination between and among federal and state agencies would cease.

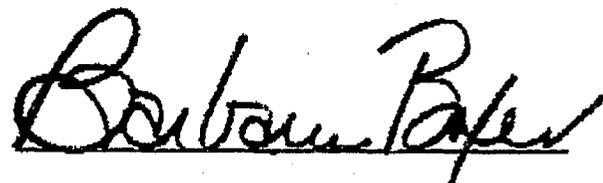
We understand that your direct involvement in recent weeks has been very well received by CALFED participants.

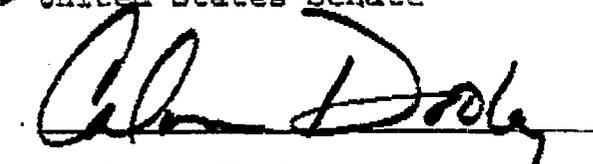
We firmly believe that the only way a final agreement will be reached in a timely fashion is for you personally to provide the leadership necessary to craft a balanced proposal that can enjoy broad stakeholder approval.

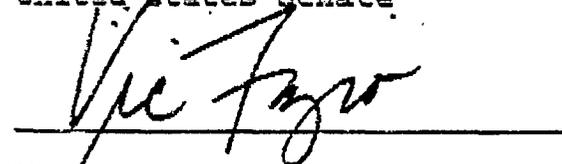
We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter, and sincerely hope that you will continue to play a key role in this effort.

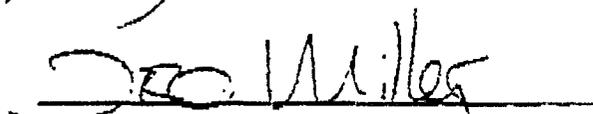
Sincerely,


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