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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: CALFED South Delta Investigation Decision

Dear Mr. Snow:

The South Delta Water Agency has regrettably concluded that the public should be aware of the extent to which CALFED has abandoned its own publically announced principles in its treatment of the San Joaquin Watershed, the South Delta, and San Joaquin County. CALFED's proposals seriously and unnecessarily benefit some interests by impacting others. They show a callous disregard for the survival of South Delta's agriculture, which at the very least is contrary to statutory law, such as the Delta Protection Act. CALFED's actions and inactions unnecessarily threaten the welfare of most water dependant interests along the main stem of the San Joaquin River and South Delta, as well as throughout San Joaquin County.

Our Agency has therefore prepared the attached press release.

Very truly yours,

ALEX HILDEBRAND