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Governor Pete Wilson
State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CAL-FED BAY-DELTA ADVISORY COUNCIL (BDAC)

Dear Governor Wilson:

I want to take this opportunity to write to you concerning a serious flaw in the make-up of the recently appointed Cal-Fed Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC).

Review of the names and organizations selected to serve on this most important advisory group, reflects the absence of any agency organization or person that is associated with or engaged in the collection, storage, and beneficial consumption of water in the mountain regions of Northern California.

The area of origin and county agencies have a unique and specific need to be represented in the on-going discussions concerning the restoration and improvements that are to be required in the Delta.

The recent December 15, 1994, Delta accord reached by specific groups, though it was touted as a consensus of water interests, again did not include any "up-stream" or area of origin water purveyors.

There are several multi-member organizations located in Central and Northern California that have membership of the many agencies that represent "area of origin," and/or counties that have senior water rights to those agencies that have been selected to formulate the state and federal policies that may place commitments on the precious resources held by the "area of origin" rights holders.

Two agencies whose members are most involved in the storage and distribution; the beneficial uses of quantities of water; all of whom are required to provide for the "public trust" within the counties where the water is collected, are Mountain County Water Resources Association and Delta Tributaries Agencies Committee.

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The Board of Directors of the Nevada Irrigation District requests that you contact the official representative of either organization for additional input concerning this important matter.

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The Nevada Irrigation District Board is concerned that not all water interests who will be significantly affected by any decision or recommendation forthcoming from the BDAC deliberations will not have been afforded the opportunity to provide input or to have had the ability to "sit" at the table for these important discussions.

Your concerned reply to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

NEVADA IRRIGATION DISTRICT


David E. Southern
President, Board of Directors

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