



**CALFED  
BAY-DELTA  
PROGRAM**

1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155  
Sacramento, California 95814

**(916) 657-2666**  
FAX **(916) 654-9780**

October 10, 1996

Stuart T. Pyle  
3707 Panorama Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93306

Dear Stu:

This is in response to your letters of August 30, 1996 and September 21, 1996 regarding the role, scope, and work products of the Water Use Efficiency Work Group.

I appreciate your participation and thoughtful comments on the activities of the Work Group. As you have observed, over the past few months the Work Group has discussed several issues which go beyond the strict view of efficiency as the reduction or elimination of irrecoverable losses. Many of the issues discussed by the Work Group deal with water management, both at the local level and the statewide level, where improved management seeks to obtain a higher level of utility from a unit of water. Considering the multiple resource areas and objectives of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, I believe that it is appropriate for the Program to take this perspective on water use efficiency and for the Water Use Efficiency Work Group to examine policy issues related to this perspective.

Certainly, other forums will be involved in many of the same issues. For example, the Water Use Efficiency Work Group may examine issues related to conditions for implementation of water transfers and impacts that result from transfers, but would not be the appropriate forum to examine issues related to conveyance capacity and operational criteria.

The role and scope of the Water Use Efficiency Work Group will be a topic of discussion at the next meeting of BDAC. The meeting will provide an opportunity for BDAC to explore this issue and provide advice to CALFED regarding appropriate perspectives on water use efficiency and the most effective Work Group structure to provide a forum for continuing discussions.

Regarding the draft Work Group work products that have been prepared to date, I appreciate your comments regarding organization, presentation, and use of jargon. As the role of the Work Group is refined, I expect that staff will have an opportunity to incorporate many of your suggestions into subsequent work products.

I look forward to your participation in discussion of these issues at the next BDAC meeting.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director

**CALFED Agencies**

**California**

- The Resources Agency
- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Water Resources
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- State Water Resources Control Board

**Federal**

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of the Interior
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- Department of Commerce
- National Marine Fisheries Service