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

Re: Blue-Ribbon Scientific Review Panel for Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP)

Dear Mr. Snow:

I am writing to encourage CALFED to appoint individuals with resource expertise, primarily related to flood control, water management and agricultural operations, to the Blue-Ribbon Review Panel's technical group.

Although the panel should focus upon the biological issues that form the foundation of the ERPP, the biological environment and human activities are so interrelated it is impossible to discuss one without recognition of the other. I am concerned, without access to information regarding this dynamic interaction, the panel's recommendation will lack a comprehensive perspective and fail to capitalize on opportunities necessary for the plan's ultimate success.

I make this recommendation not to ensure that water or agricultural representatives can advocate a particular position for their industry, but rather to ensure the panel has access to full information regarding the complex interdependencies that exist in the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

Thank you for your careful consideration of our recommendation. I believe this will assist the Panel to make thoughtful decisions on the ERPP.

Sincerely,

Tib Belza  
NCWA Chairman