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Dear Lester:

We are very pleased to enclose a copy of NRDC's newly released report, *Agricultural Solutions: Improving Water Quality in California Through Water Conservation and Pesticide Use Reduction*. We believe this report reflects important good news about the steps that some farmers are taking to reduce water and pesticide use. We hope the CALFED preferred alternative is structured to ensure that others follow this path.

As we have said repeatedly throughout the CALFED process, we believe that there is tremendous potential for water conservation and pollution prevention programs to meet the CALFED program objectives. This report shows that such approaches are perfectly consistent with profitable farming operations.

We would be happy to meet with you to discuss how CALFED can best assure that these forward-looking approaches are more widely adopted.

Sincerely,

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