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Dear Lester:

The Phase II report says very little about the possibility that exotic species and our limited ability to control them may preclude the level of recovery of native species we all desire. We must not be defeatist but must also not be disregarding of the need to avoid large expenditures of dollars and water for goals that may not be achievable. Have we adequately addressed this question? Has the total biomass of Bay/Delta aquatic species been significantly reduced or merely shifted from natives to exotics?

The attached article by Chris Bright (page 22 through 33 of the January/February 1999 issue of World Watch) presents an alarming analysis. I suggest that it be distributed to the BDAC and appropriate members of the CALFED staff.

Sincerely,



Alex Hildebrand

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