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Date: April 27, 2000
 To: Bay-Delta Advisory Council
 From: Eugenia Laychak
 Bay-Delta Advisory Council Coordinator/Facilitator
 Subject: Draft Recommendation on the CALFED Solution

Thank you for your constructive participation and comments at the April 13, 2000 BDAC meeting. It was a very productive meeting!

Enclosed you will find a written progress report regarding the draft recommendation to the CALFED Agencies on the CALFED solution. The report consists of the April 5 draft, which you discussed and provided suggested changes to at the BDAC meeting, a summary of the discussion, and the detailed comments taken from the flip chart notes taken at the meeting. This information was presented to the CALFED Policy Group by Chair Mike Madigan and Vice Chair Sunne McPeak on April 19. You will also find comments submitted by the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations and the California Sportsfishing Protection Alliance.

David Hayes, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Mary Nichols, Secretary of Resources, at the Policy Group meeting lent their full support for your efforts on the draft recommendation. Mr. Hayes stated that the draft was one of the best pieces of advice he has received from a public advisory group and that Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt is seriously considering your recommendation as it is being developed.

The planned next steps for the next BDAC discussion on this topic, on Wednesday, May 17 in Sacramento, are as follows. Mike Madigan, Sunne McPeak and I are revising the draft recommendation based on your comments. The revised draft will be sent to you in the May 17 meeting packet, about a week before the meeting. At the BDAC meeting you will be asked to express your level of agreement (for example, support, agree to, or can live with)

CALFED Agencies

<p>California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Resources Agency Department of Fish and Game Department of Water Resources California Environmental Protection Agency State Water Resources Control Board Department of Food and Agriculture 	<p>Federal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environmental Protection Agency Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Bureau of Reclamation U.S. Geological Survey Bureau of Land Management U.S. Army Corps of Engineers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service U.S. Forest Service Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service Western Area Power Administration
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with the revised draft recommendation. We expect that changes will be made at the meeting to broaden the level of agreement. We also expect to identify the remaining open issues and areas of disagreement.

At the Policy Group meeting Sunne McPeak asked BDAC members to consider the following questions:

- What is meant by going “full steam ahead” on water use efficiency, ecosystem restoration, water transfers and other water management tools?
- What conditions would need to be met to make decisions on permitting new storage and conveyance facilities?

Feel free to contact any of us between now and the meeting with responses to these questions or comments on the recommendation. We look forward to another productive meeting in May.