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To: Bay-Delta Advisory Council

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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

California 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

Federal 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

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.