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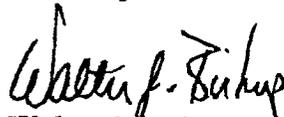
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Dear Mr. Graff:

Thank you for your letter of May 1. Your attachment was produced by the Bay-Delta Urban Coalition, whose members include Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and East Bay Municipal Utilities District. Contra Costa Water District is not a member, did not participate in creating it and does not endorse it. Another fact to consider is that I was not present at the April 5th Feinstein meeting. I was on the phone for a portion of the meeting but did not see this document nor do I recall it being used.

Your letters and comments to the press consistently attempt to suggest that CCWD is endorsing or linking an enlarged Los Vaqueros to a peripheral canal, however defined. This is simply not true. I also agree with you that "selling" CCWD's position to other agencies will be hard, particularly when CCWD's position is consistently misrepresented. The misinformed use of documents, and linking them to CCWD, do not make for a credible stakeholder.

Sincerely,


Walter J. Bishop

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