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Dear Alex:

This is in response to your recent letter requesting that certain materials be included in the initial information packet sent to members of the Water Transfers Work Group prior to the group's first meeting.

Your suggestion to distribute copies of DWR's 1993 publication *Water Transfers in California: Translating Concept into Reality* is a good one. This document, along with other materials we intend to distribute, will provide good background to work group members.

Your second suggestion, regarding the nature and extent of lands dedicated to agriculture and the effect that transfers might have on those lands, involves both policy and technical issues. You have often questioned the wisdom and propriety of transferring water from agricultural uses to other uses, and I expect you to raise this issue in the work group forum. At a technical level, we are examining the range of impacts that might result from transfers that are facilitated by the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Those impacts will be described in our programmatic environmental documents. There is very little we could say with certainty about those impacts right now, in advance of complete analysis.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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California Environmental Protection Agency
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