



BUTTE CREEK
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To: CALFED Ecosystem Roundtable
Attn: Cindy Darling

Re: Proposal 98-A-1004 "Opening up Butte Creek to Salmon and Steelhead Fish Passage"

Dear Ms. Darling:

This letter is to inform you that the Butte Creek Watershed Conservancy Board of Directors does not at this time support funding of the above-referenced project study and formally requests that it be pulled from the 1998 Ecosystem Roundtable review and CALFED funding process.

The Conservancy would like to inform you, however, that we would embrace a similar anadromous fish habitat study below Chimney Rock (the first natural barrier to fish passage below the Centerville Head Dam). We feel an investigation of the suitability of spawning, rearing, and migrating habitat in this lower section of Butte Creek would provide a framework to direct future restoration activities and insure proper habitat management, ultimately increasing fishery populations for the future.

As in all cases, we would appreciate it if all proposed projects affecting Butte Creek were presented to our Board and any affected local government entities for maximum stakeholder/property owner input and approval prior to approval by CALFED or other funding agencies for action.

For the Conservancy,

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