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Mr. Donald Gauthier
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Dear Mr. Gauthier:

CALFED is establishing the Delta Drinking Water Council as a subcommittee of the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC). It will play a vital role in advising CALFED on necessary adaptations to its Drinking Water Improvement Strategy. The enclosed document describes the need, mission, and duties of the Delta Drinking Water Council. The enclosure also includes a proposed membership list.

I invite you to be a member of the Delta Drinking Water Council.

As BDAC continues to work with CALFED staff on development of a long-term comprehensive solution, the Delta Drinking Water Council will focus on potential actions and studies that are most appropriate to meet CALFED's drinking water quality objectives to help protect public health. The Delta Drinking Water Council will also provide a forum where CALFED can convene scientific experts to provide independent scientific review of drinking water quality elements of the CALFED Program. In particular, CALFED will be convening panels of independent scientific experts in 2003 and 2007.

The first meeting is scheduled for November 3, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in room 1142 of the Resources Building at 1416 Ninth Street in Sacramento. I anticipate that meetings will be scheduled at least monthly, initially. I hope you can join us. If you have any questions, please contact Paul Hutton at (916) 653-9715.

Sincerely,

Michael Madigan /jm

Michael Madigan, Chair
Bay-Delta Advisory Council

Enclosures

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

