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Mr. Dave Spath
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Dear Mr. Spath:

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, 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
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