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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In response to CALFED's request for input on its long-term Bay-Delta process, the Ag-Urban Policy Group has developed the enclosed document titled "Draft Discussion Paper Regarding Bay Delta System Storage, Conveyance, Operations and Water Transfers".

Our document represents the views of thirty urban and agricultural agencies statewide (*see attachment*) that supply drinking water to three-quarters of Californians and irrigation water for 200 types of crops, including 45 percent of the nation's fruits and vegetables. Considerable time and effort was invested to evaluate the scientific and technical merits of the CALFED alternatives and their related components. That information then became the basis for discussions aimed at resolving regional differences and competing needs in a balanced way. The enclosed document describes a package of elements that the Ag-Urban Policy Group believes has merit for further discussion.

We strongly urge CALFED to give this document serious consideration as we move forward, both with the long-term process and the current discussions involving interim measures and phased implementation. We will be providing additional input on the Stage 1 implementation framework as work products are developed. Representatives of the Ag-Urban Policy Group are available to meet with you at an early date to discuss this document and additional issues. Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of the Ag-Urban Policy Group,

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Kern County Water Agency	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
Modesto Irrigation District	Mountain Counties Water Resources Association
Municipal Water District of Orange County	North Delta Water Agency
Northern California Water Association	Regional Council of Rural Counties
San Diego County Water Authority	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority	San Joaquin River Group Authority
San Luis Canal Company	San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Santa Clara Valley Water District	South Delta Water Agency
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