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Dear Lester:

As you will remember the Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing last year concerning CALFED financing, adoption of CALFED performance standards, and CALFED public participation. Prior to and during that hearing you were asked to comment on the monitoring and performance standards of CALFED, as well as on how CALFED would develop a crosscut budget that would display Federal spending on ecosystem restoration in the Bay-Delta region. Although we have repeatedly indicated that these questions need to be addressed prior to any reauthorization of the CALFED program, we have not received any clear or timely response. Therefore, I would appreciate a response to the questions listed below questions prior to the May 20th Congressional hearing on California Central Valley Water Management (except as to the question identified for response by September 1, 1999). A major focus of that hearing will be an evaluation of the status and achievements of the CALFED program to determine what response is appropriate in light of requests for CALFED's reauthorization and extension.

1. Which specific goals is CALFED setting to determine if it is achieving success in the habitat/environmental restoration components of the program? Which clear and unambiguous performance standards are being adopted to determine if the funding is improving the environment?
2. Are ecosystem performance and monitoring standards integrated with all other projects in the region receiving money from the Federal and State governments for similar programs? And, if so, how are these items coordinated?
3. Was an interagency crosscut budget developed for the CALFED Program as required under Public Law 104-208, that displays Federal spending for fiscal years 1993 through 1998 on ecosystem restoration and other purposes in the Bay-Delta region, separately showing funding

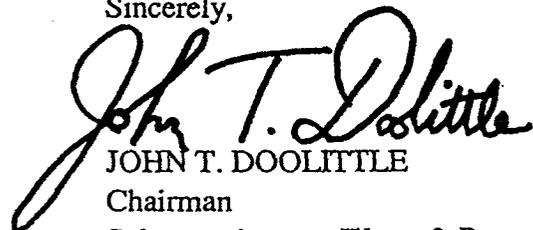
provided previously or requested under both pre-existing authorities and new authorities? If so, please provide a copy of what was submitted.

For our May 20, 1999, hearing please provide a **program level** crosscut budget for the federal and state agencies involved in CALFED. By September 1, 1999 please provide a comprehensive **project level** crosscut budget that identifies all expenditures within the state and federal governments used to achieve the objectives identified within the CALFED program (longterm levee protection, water quality, ecosystem restoration, water use sufficiency, water transfers, watershed management, storage, and conveyance). For each such expenditure, provide an identification of whether or not it is currently being integrated into the planning and financial allocation process used by CALFED or whether it remains independent.

4. Adaptive management only has merit if predicated on the idea that some aspect of a given project is meeting or failing to meet a previously identified criteria. What indicators has CALFED developed to determine when adaptation is necessary in relation to individual projects or overall assessment of ecosystem response?
5. Are these indicators being integrated with all other projects in the region receiving money from the Federal or State government to achieve ecosystem restoration or habitat enhancement? And, if so, how are these items coordinated?

If you have questions, please contact Bob Faber or Joshua Johnson of the Subcommittee staff at 202-225-8331.

Sincerely,



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