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Dear Mike and Steve:

As you know, we strongly support the development of a CALFED water management program that provides water for ecosystem restoration and improved water supply reliability for water users. We firmly believe that it is possible to develop a program that can achieve these twin goals. To this end, the environmental community prepared a Blueprint for an Environmentally and Economically Sustainable CALFED Water Supply Reliability Program.

The Water Management Development Team (WMDT) process will play a critical role in determining CALFED's ultimate success in this area. The scope of the WMDT includes the previously proposed Environmental Water Account, as well as efforts to address water supply reliability issues. To assist CALFED, we offer the attached suggestions regarding the keys to a successful WMDT effort.

We look forward to working with you to develop an equitable and economically and environmentally credible CALFED water management program.

Sincerely,

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