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**Dear Gentlemen:**

**I am writing to urge your support for federal authorization and funding for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.**

**As you may know, the State of California intends to spend over \$400 million this year on CALFED-related projects and programs outlined in the historic "Framework for Action" that Secretary Babbitt and I announced on June 9, 2000. Continued congressional support is vital to maintain the federal share of and commitment to this important program.**

**I fully recognize the importance of extensive congressional review and oversight of the CALFED program. My administration is prepared to work closely with Congress in developing an omnibus, long-term authorization of the program following issuance of the Record of Decision later this summer. I also intend to**

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submit a progress report to Congress and the California Legislature by the end of this year, as described in the Framework document. This report, and a comprehensive authorization measure, will be necessary to maintain broad-based public support, and to ensure that CALFED is taking a balanced and integrated approach to meeting the water supply reliability, water quality, and ecosystem restoration goals of the program.

In the meantime, I strongly urge Congress to take two actions this year: 1) include the President's FY 2001 budget request of \$60 million in the Energy and Water Appropriations bill, and 2) move forward on a one-year extension of the CALFED program. Continued federal funding is essential to meet the milestones established in the Framework to improve the management and reliability of the State's water supplies. Without these funds, the benefits and assurances that all Californians are seeking from the program may be jeopardized.

Finally, I want to emphasize the importance of a balanced approach to federal funding of the program. The federal appropriation should provide funding for a broad range of CALFED actions, including the Environmental Water Account, the ecosystem restoration and science programs, and specific storage, conveyance, and water use efficiency projects and programs throughout the state. Each of these program elements is essential to improving the reliability and quality of California's water supply. As such, it is imperative that both state and federal funding reflect a commitment to ensuring that all program areas move forward in an integrated and balanced fashion.

Based on discussions with several major stakeholder groups, I have developed a proposed allocation of the \$60 million request in the President's budget, together with related State funding commitments, that reflects a balanced approach to implementation (see attached). I urge you to adopt this approach as part of your overall efforts.

Thank you again for your continued support of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, and I look forward to working closely with you in the months ahead.

Sincerely,

  
GRAY DAVIS

Attachment

cc: Members of the California Congressional Delegation