

GOVERNOR GRAY DAVIS

April 21, 1999

The Honorable Bud Shuster
Chairman
House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I understand that the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure is meeting on Thursday to discuss the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (H.R. 1480), which contains several provisions authorizing flood control and water supply programs for Sacramento and Northern California.

I continue to strongly support Congressional action this year to provide long overdue flood control relief for Sacramento. I am concerned, however, that elements of the bill that would authorize spending for new water supply diversions and studies for the Sacramento and American Rivers would threaten passage of the flood control provisions, and would destabilize both the consensus-based Sacramento Water Forum and CALFED Bay/Delta Program processes. Therefore, I urge the Committee to defer consideration of the water supply diversion provisions of the bill until the Water Forum and CALFED processes develop final recommendations that have the full support of the local community and address the needs of all interests.

Sincerely,



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