

October 16, 1995

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Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter of September 14, 1995 commenting on the August Geographic Scope document.

I have attached the latest version of the Geographic Scope, dated October 3, 1995. I believe that it addresses some, though perhaps not all, of your concerns. As the Geographic Scope makes clear, problems in the Bay directly linked to inadequate outputs from the Delta are within the problem scope. Thus, for example, the flows needed to provide adequate habitat within San Pablo Bay are within the scope of the CALFED Program.

Problems which are primarily caused by factors within the lower Bay are outside the scope. The Program will not address problems caused by pollutant discharges into the Central and South Bay. We will leave it to other agencies and other processes already underway to resolve these problems.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is clearly focused on the problems associated with the Delta and Suisun Bay and Marsh. This was the focus of the June, 1994 Framework Agreement, the December 15 Accord and the 1995 State Water Resources Control Board's Water Quality Control Plan. The problems associated with the Delta and Suisun Bay are fundamental problems in California water management today and need the specific attention of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

I hope you will agree that this approach helps keep the scope manageable while recognizing the critical linkage between the fresh water system and the health of the Bay. Please let me know what you think of this approach.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow, Executive Director  
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