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Dear Mr. McDonald:

Thank you for your letter of December 7, 1995, with comments regarding the development of our Program. We apologize for the delay in providing this response. Each comment received is reviewed by appropriate staff for consideration as part of on-going Program actions and becomes a permanent part of our record. I wanted to address specifically several of your comments.

Mission Statement, Objective, Solution Principles:

You have rightly pointed out the very general aspect of earlier drafts of our Solution Principles. Over the last several months, we have attempted to refine our Solution Principles to give them more specificity and clarity. Additional details have been added in recognition of the fact that the more general wording of the Solution Principles is not adequate to effectively apply the concepts of the Solution Principles on the alternatives as they are developed. I have attached the most recent version of the Solution Principles and hope that the further refinement addresses some of your concerns.

You call for the development of "technically-based sub-objectives" to be developed by a group of specialists for each area of Program interest and additionally, "a means to measure the success of an action." We concur that measurable objectives are needed. We are specifically working on two fronts to achieve greater detail on objectives. We have sponsored an Indicators Workshop, set up and staffed by scientists in many fields through U.C. Berkeley, to assist us in devising scientifically based objectives for habitat resonation and ecosystem quality improvement. Additionally, as part of the CALFED process, a set of technically based performance measures are currently under development and will function essentially as technical objectives for each of the primary objective areas.

CALFED Agencies

California

The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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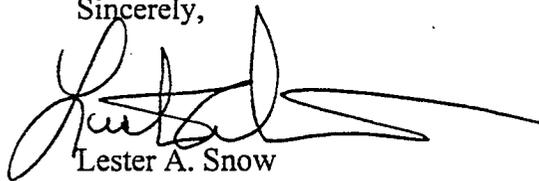
Your comments related to action categories and linkages of various actions are noted. Our use of action categories is no longer needed as we have moved well into the process of alternative development and refinement. That use was simply a way to manage the over 200 individual actions we identified with possible application to our evolving alternatives.

You received a draft of the Financial Strategy subsequent to the February BDAC meeting. Your comments have been forwarded to Zach McReynolds, who is leading the effort related to this part of the Program. Your continued review and interest in this Program element will greatly assist us as we move forward in this critical area.

We are in complete agreement with your suggestions that impact analysis must integrate potential effects of actions in other restoration forums. We are working closely through the CALFED agencies to identify those potential programs affecting our actions and to better coordinate our plans and programs.

We greatly appreciate your thoughtful comments on the Program. Should you wish to discuss this further, please call Sharon Gross or me at the Program number, (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester A. Snow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Enclosure