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The Honorable H. Martin Lancaster  
Assistant Secretary of the Army (for Civil Works)  
Headquarters, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
20 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20314-1000

RE: Prospect Island Restoration Project, California

Dear Mr. Lancaster:

I urge you to consider funding for the Prospect Island Restoration Project from Section 1135 funds for design and construction costs. Habitat restoration is a core element of the long-term restoration program of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is a joint effort among ten state and federal agencies seeking to resolve Bay-Delta problems of ecosystem restoration, water quality, water supply reliability and Bay-Delta System vulnerability.

The Prospect Island project has gained significant support from numerous agencies and private organizations including the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Earlier this week, I recommended funding be provided for the nonfederal share of this project from the Category III program. The Category III program is a cooperative effort of environmental organizations and water users to fund habitat restoration in the Bay-Delta region. Based on the broad support for the project and the unique opportunity for tidal wetland restoration in the Delta, I expect a favorable decision from the Category III program.

In order to move forward with this project in a timely basis, which is a strong consideration of the Category III program, we need the support and funding from the Corps of Engineers. If you have questions regarding our support for this project, please contact Dick Daniel, Assistant for Habitat Restoration at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director

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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