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**CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM**

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Dear Ms. Bramhall:

This will confirm our March 8, 1997 telephone discussion including our appreciation of the Natural Resources Conservation Service's willingness to participate in CALFED's proposed agricultural stakeholder outreach program. We discussed the following items and concepts for the subject program:

- ▶ The purpose and need to conduct meetings throughout the CALFED study area that has a direct nexus with the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. It is very important to present the developing CALFED program to the agricultural stakeholders, including farmers, ranchers, landowners, lessees, and interested parties. At these meetings we will discuss various issues and incorporate some of their ideas and guidance into CALFED activities.
- ▶ The assistance of the local NRCS and RCD staff and use of their meeting rooms to conduct the outreach meetings with the stakeholders. After my discussions with two NRCS Conservationists, Mr. Herb Cook and Wendell Gilgert, they expressed their support for the proposed program and mentioned that they could assist with the program to make it more successful and get the word out to the stakeholders.
- ▶ We agreed on the benefits of the proposed outreach program, which will include approximately eight meetings and the post meeting information coordination at the local level with participants and/or interested parties. These actions will permit broad participation because the Program activities will be readily accessible to agricultural stakeholders in their farming communities.
- ▶ As you suggested, I will be contacting J.R. Flores, Asst. State Conservationist, NRCS, to discuss our outreach program with him.

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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I have enclosed various information items on CALFED activities for your review and files. Should you have any questions, please send your inquiry to the above address or call me at (916) 653-9715.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures