



**CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM**

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Dear Ms. Piedra:

Thank you for your April 15, 1997 letter stating your concerns regarding the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta and San Francisco Bay. The CALFED Bay-Delta Program was created in an effort to address concerns of citizens as well as provide a long-range solution to the myriad demands placed on this valuable resource.

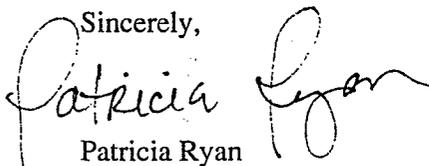
You are correct in your statements reflecting the urgency and importance of formulating a plan which addresses the multiple demands placed upon the Bay-Delta region, while safeguarding the ecosystem to ensure future health and productivity. It is estimated that over two-thirds of Californians depend upon water which flows through the Delta for their drinking water. This fact combined with the needs of agriculture, business and the environment all identify the need for a future-oriented solution.

The CALFED Program is a three-phase process, working to develop a long-term solution to the problems in the Delta. Phase I was completed in August 1996, and the *Phase I Final Report* is enclosed for your reference. The Program is currently in Phase II, to be completed by September 1998. In this phase, the Program is conducting an environmental review of alternative solutions and will identify one preferred alternative. Phase III, scheduled to begin in late 1998 or early 1999, is implementation of the solution and will last for many years.

As you read over the enclosed materials you will see we have a web site and a hotline, as well as many workshops staged throughout the state. The hotline number and web site address are listed on page 1 of the *Phase I Final Report*. The CALFED process is open to the public, and we encourage involvement and participation.

Thank you again for your interest in the Bay-Delta region, Ms. Piedra. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 653-3790 if you would like further information. For more information on the efforts of your local water agency, I encourage you to contact Keena Lipsitz of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California at (916) 650-2670.

Sincerely,



Patricia Ryan
Public Information Officer

Enclosures

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
Maritime Administration

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