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Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Thank you for your recent facsimiles in regard to our recent meeting and your attendance at the Sonoma Resource Conservation District. As I am sure you are aware, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program has no jurisdiction over the Sonoma RCD, but I do appreciate knowing your views.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has always been an open process and as I explained to you we welcome input from all affected stakeholders. We have undertaken an extensive public relations outreach so that the public is aware of who we are and what we are trying to accomplish. The Program has also taken numerous "road trips" up and down the state to compile input and, in fact, we are planning another two month jaunt up and down the state during the months of September and October.

I have noted your concern over levee repair and placing a high priority on these funds. You made mention of your dissatisfaction over the management of the San Francisco Bay Wetlands Ecosystem Goals Project and indicate that the CALFED Bay-Delta Program has some oversight over this Project. We have no authority over the Project although we are generally support of their objectives. Finally, the CALFED Program does not have staff available to assist local property owners prepare applications for levee repair. There are many local programs available to assist property owners and I encourage you avail yourself of their services.

Your interest in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is appreciated.

Sincerely,


Lester A. Snow

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