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The Honorable Dick Monteith  
State Senator, 12th District  
State Capitol, Room 2048  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Monteith:

Thank you for your letter of July 23, 1997 regarding California's mountain counties' concept of area of origin water rights.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program has made a commitment not to impact or alter existing water rights, including area of origin water rights. This policy has been articulated in our public workshops and meetings, and will be clearly stated in subsequent documents.

Please feel free to contact me at (916) 657-2666 if you have any questions. Thank you again for your interest in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director

cc Senator Jim Costa  
Assemblyman George House  
Gary Walter, President  
Tuolumne Utilities District

**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