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Integration of Corps Personnel into CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Dear General Capka:

This letter is intended to confirm the recent discussions between Rob Vining of your staff and Steve Yaeger of my staff concerning our request for an increased level of participation of Corps staff in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. Specifically, the Program could benefit greatly from increasing the current level of participation from two Corps employees (Lynn O'Leary and Frank Piccola) to seven Corps employees.

The details of the arrangements discussed between Mr. Vining and Mr. Yaeger include:

1. The professional disciplines of the five new Corps employees ideally would be:
 - Two (2) geotechnical engineers (levee experts);
 - Two (2) environmental planners; and
 - One (1) technical writer/editor
2. We understand that the Corps will seek funding for these employees from Federal sources. All logistical requirements including office space, computers, other supplies will be provided by CALFED.
3. The particulars of detailing five additional employees will be worked out over the next two weeks in order to respond to a major work effort beginning October 1.

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
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

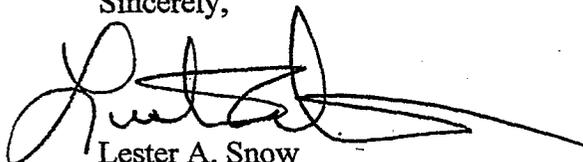
Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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As a co-lead agency, I'm sure that you are aware the CALFED Program is challenged by a very tight schedule. This type of challenge, I know, is not new to the Corps and we look forward to the assistance that your motivated and energetic employees can bring to this historic joint effort of the Federal and State governments to address the long-term needs of the Bay-Delta system.

I want to commend you for the proactive track that the Corps has adopted for its participation in CALFED, and I thank you for your personal support for these efforts. With your permission, I would like to leave the details of the arrangements for the five additional Corps employees for Mr. Vining and Mr. Yaeger to work out. Please feel free to call me at (916) 657-2666 to discuss this and any other aspect of CALFED.

Sincerely,



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