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Mr. Lester Snow, Director  
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1416 Ninth Street, Room 1155  
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Dear Mr. <sup>Lester</sup> Snow:

I regret I was unable to attend the CALFED Management Team meeting of October 1, 1997. I was informed that the primary topics of discussion were the Water Quality and the Water Use Efficiency elements of the Common Program.

I believe that a technical discussion of agricultural water use efficiency must take place among the members of the CALFED Management Team. Members of the CALFED/DWR staff should present their latest analysis and discussion of water application and use efficiency and how on-farm and in-district water use efficiency is determined. Baryohay Davidoff, Greg Young, and Ed Craddock; all either CALFED or DWR staff should make the appropriate presentations and lead the discussion.

This discussion should take place at the next Management Team meeting on October 16. It is imperative that all Management Team members fully understand how agricultural water moves through the environment and how it is accounted for. Furthermore, the policy question must then be addressed once and for all as to the role of demand reduction as a CALFED strategy and the fate of any water derived from demand reduction.

Thank you for your prompt consideration of this request. I look forward to participating in the next Management Team meeting on October 16.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. J. Yates".

A. J. Yates  
Undersecretary