

The Honorable FIELD(firstname) FIELD(lastname)  
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FIELD(city), FIELD(state) FIELD(zipcode)

Dear FIELD(title) FIELD(lastname):

Thank you for your letter of FIELD(ltrdate) in support of funding for FIELD(project). As you may be aware, our current schedule calls for final decisions on funding to be made in December 1997. We will then forward more details on which projects will be funded. In the interim, however, I would like to provide you with the following information on the status of our funding activities.

We are currently in the decision-making process on the third round of funding for "Category III" ecosystem restoration projects. The December 15, 1994 Bay-Delta Accord included a commitment, commonly called Category III, to develop and fund non-flow related ecosystem restoration activities. The first two years of the program were administered by the Category III Steering Committee, a stakeholder coalition, and funding was provided by the California Urban Water Agencies. In the first two years the Committee allocated a total of \$20.8 million for 38 projects.

With the passage of Proposition 204, and allocation of the state share of Category III, the program was shifted to the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. In June 1997, the Bay-Delta Program released a request for proposals for the third round of funding. By the closing date, we received 332 proposals, requesting over \$471 million in funding. Funding for these projects is limited, of course, so to help us evaluate the proposals, we established 13 technical review panels to make a first-level evaluation of the proposals. Additionally, a 20-member Integration Panel of agency and non-agency advisors has helped bring an ecosystem-wide perspective to the evaluation. The Integration Panel has recommended funding for 51 proposals at a total cost of \$60,653,499. A summary of the Integration Panel recommendations has been forwarded to the Bay-Delta Advisory Committee and the Ecosystem Roundtable, which is a subcommittee of BDAC, for advice and recommendations. The recommended funding package will then be forwarded to the CALFED member agencies for review and recommendations and then to the Secretary of Resources, who will make the final decision on funding for proposals. Again, this decision should be made in December.

Until the Secretary makes a funding decision, we are being advised by legal counsel to not disclose the status of any given proposal due the confidentiality requirements under State Contract Law. After reviewing Proposition 204 and other State laws, we concluded that the most defensible and expeditious approach is to treat this round of funding as an award of contracts. As such, we may not reveal the status of proposals until a decision is made. At that time, all evaluation materials will become part of the public record.

Thank you again for your expression of support for ~~FIELD~~(project). I hope this information is helpful.

Sincerely,

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firstname	lastname	house	address	city	state	zipcode	title	ltrdate	project
Barbara	Boxer	United States Senate	112 Hart Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Senator	July 29, 1997, ✓	the San Joaquin River Parkway Land Acquisition Program
Barbara	Boxer	United States Senate	112 Hart Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Senator	October 2, 1997, ✓	the San Joaquin River Riparian Habitat Restoration Project
Barbara	Boxer	United States Senate	112 Hart Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Senator	July 25, 1997, ✓	the Sonoma County Water Agency's wastewater treatment plant proposals
Barbara	Boxer	United States Senate	112 Hart Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Senator	August 25, 1997, ✓	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project

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Tom	Campbell	United States House of Representatives	2442 Rayburn Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 25, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Jim	Costa	Chair, Senate Committee on Agriculture and Water Resources	State Capitol, Room 2031	Sacramento	CA	95814	Senator	August 14, 1997,	the San Joaquin River Parkway Land Acquisition Program
Ronald	Dellums	United States House of Representatives	2108 Rayburn Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 10, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Anna	Eshoo	United States House of Representatives	308 Cannon Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 25, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Vic	Fazio	United States House of Representatives	2113 Rayburn Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 10, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Dianne	Feinstein	United States Senate	331 Hart Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Senator	August 25, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project

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Patrick	Johnston	Member of the Senate	State Capitol, Room 5066	Sacramento	CA	95814	Senator	October 2, 1997,	the Mildred Island Wetlands Habitat Restoration Project
Tom	Lantos	United States House of Representatives	2217 Rayburn Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 25, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Tim	Leslie	Member of the Senate	State Capitol, Room 4081	Sacramento	CA	95814	Senator	July 24, 1997,	engineering and reclamation of the former Newton Copper Mine site
Zoe	Lofgren	United States House of Representatives	318 Cannon Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 25, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Kenneth	Maddy	Member of the Senate	State Capitol, Room 5052	Sacramento	CA	95814	Senator	August 28, 1997,	the San Joaquin River Land Acquisition Program

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George	Miller	United States House of Representatives	2205 Rayburn Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 25, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Nancy	Pelosi	United States House of Representatives	2457 Rayburn Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 10, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Don	Perata	Member of the Assembly	State Capitol, Room 3152	Sacramento	CA	95814	Assemblyman	July 31, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
George	Radanovich	United States House of Representatives	213 Cannon Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 6, 1997,	San Joaquin River Parkway Land Acquisition Program
Pete	Stark	United States House of Representatives	239 Cannon Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 25, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project
Ellen	Tauscher	United States House of Representatives	1440 Longworth Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	August 25, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project

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Tom	Woods	Member of the Assembly	State Capitol, Room 6011	Sacramento	CA	95814	Assemblyman	September 19, 1997,	Anderson Cottonwood Irrigation District's Category III projects
Lynn	Woolsey	United States House of Representatives	439 Cannon Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	July 28, 1997,	the Marin Audubon Society's marsh enhancement project
Lynn	Woolsey	United States House of Representatives	439 Cannon Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	July 28, 1997,	the Sonoma County Water Agency's wastewater treatment plant proposals

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Lynn	Woolsey	United States House of Representatives	439 Cannon Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	July 29, 1997,	the Southern Sonoma County Resource Conservation District's Sonoma Creek Watershed project
Lynn	Woolsey	United States House of Representatives	439 Cannon Bldg.	Washington	DC	20515	Representative	July 28, 1997,	the Hamilton Wetlands Restoration Project