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The Honorable Tom Woods  
Member of the Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6011  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Woods:

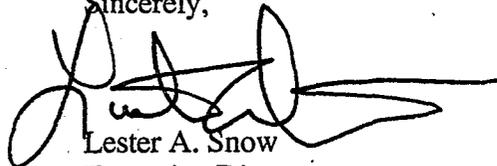
This is in response to your letter of October 10, 1997, regarding the relationships between the CALFED Bay-Delta Program and upper watershed management programs and water storage options.

As noted when CALFED and Department of Water Resources staff met with you on November 3, CALFED staff are working with DWR staff regarding pre-feasibility studies for water storage locations, particularly on the west side of the Sacramento valley. DWR's role is focused on preliminary evaluation of specific locations; CALFED effort, at a programmatic level, centers on assessing an appropriate amount of water storage that would be needed to satisfy the Bay-Delta Program's multiple objectives.

Additionally, following up on the meeting of November 3, we met with Steve Fitch and Trent Smith of your staff on November 21 to discuss various approaches for further development of the upper watershed management elements of the Bay-Delta Program. We are now considering a letter to State and Federal agencies with authority or responsibilities in upper watershed areas to obtain their comments and opinions on an upper watershed management strategy that would be included in the draft environmental impact report/draft environmental impact statement. Further, we are considering requesting the participation of these agencies in a technical work group to develop more specific, detailed descriptions for the watershed management elements of the DEIR/DEIS.

I hope this information is helpful. Please call me at (916) 657-2666 or Daniel McCarroll, CALFED legislative coordinator at (916) 653-5704, if you have any questions about the Bay-Delta Program.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

**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