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Dr. Perry Herrgesell, Chief  
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Dear Dr. Herrgesell:

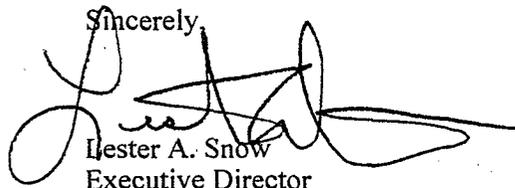
I am responding to your letter of December 12, 1997 confirming our understanding of the CALFED Policy Group's November 24, 1997 decision to accept the Interagency Ecological Program's (IEP) proposal to develop a comprehensive monitoring program for CALFED and its member agencies. As further directed by the Policy Group on December 19, 1997, the IEP is to work closely with the San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI), the U.S. Geological Survey, CALFED Bay-Delta Program staff and stakeholders in these efforts.

The IEP proposal describes a two-phase process to develop the monitoring and research program. The first phase is to take three months and the second, six months after completion of the first phase. Please consider December 19, 1997 the date the CALFED Policy Group accepted the IEP proposal in final form as the commencement date for Phase I activities.

In your letter you requested \$25,000 from CALFED for Phase I activities. The money is to be used by the San Francisco Estuary Institute while other participants are to cover their costs from internal funding sources. At their December meeting the Policy Group authorized the allocation of these funds. However, we are currently not able to forward these dollars to you because while Washington has authorized the CALFED Program budget, dollars have not yet been allocated. To ensure that the SFEI is able to work with the IEP and others in the development of this monitoring and research program, Randy Brown offered to forward the funds required to the SFEI. This is acceptable to us. CALFED will reimburse DWR once Program budget dollars are allocated.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc Randy Brown

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The Resources Agency  
Department of Fish and Game  
Department of Water Resources  
California Environmental Protection Agency  
State Water Resources Control Board

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Environmental Protection Agency  
Department of the Interior  
Fish and Wildlife Service  
Bureau of Reclamation  
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