

February 9, 1998

Mr. Peter D. Rabbon
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Dear Mr. Rabbon:

This is in response to your letter dated January 13, 1998 regarding the Draft Delta Levee System Integrity Program document. Thank you for your comments.

The following responses correspond to your comments on the Draft document:

General Comment

All CALFED Bay-Delta Program projects that are within The Reclamation Board jurisdiction will be closely coordinated with The Reclamation Board.

1. Delta System Integrity Program Elements.

CALFED staff will contact the Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Board to coordinate Comprehensive Study activities.

2. Delta System Integrity - Objective Statements.

The Long-Term Levee Protection Plan will be revised to include an objective to manage the risks to human life and property.

3. Figures B-1.

We agree that rehabilitating Delta levees to the PL84-99 standard does not automatically provide 100 - year flood protection. Clarifying statements will be added to the figure and text.

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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4. Figures B 2 - 5.

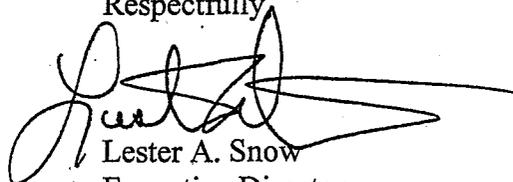
These examples of levee and habitat improvement are undergoing technical review. As you suggested, a riprap keyway or waterside toe trench should normally be constructed. The concept designs will be modified to include a riprap keyway where appropriate.

5. Page G - 1, Cost Estimate.

A detailed and thorough cost estimate will be provided in the final draft. Efforts are currently underway to obtain that estimate. The cost of lands, easements, right-of-way, relocations, and disposal (LERRDs) will be included in the final estimate.

If you have any questions or need more information, you may contact Rob Cooke at (916) 653-7217.

Respectfully,



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