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Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator
331 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

I understand that Congressman Fazio has introduced legislation for specific authorization for construction of projects in the Colusa Basin Drainage District's Watershed Integrated Resources Management Plan. I am writing to let you know that I believe that the proposed projects if properly designed and implemented are compatible with the CALFED Bay-Delta Program mission, objectives, and conceptual approach to water resources management in the Bay-Delta watershed. I am particularly interested in the District's comprehensive approach to its water management concerns, which is compatible with CALFED's Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan, Watershed Management Strategy, and conceptual storage and conveyance proposals.

My conclusion is based on several meetings between my staff and with representatives of the Colusa Basin Drainage District, information provided by District staff, and several site visits to key locations in the District.

I assume that during the detailed project planning process the District will fully evaluate engineering, economic, environmental, and flood plain management issues associated with the proposed detention dams and groundwater recharge facilities.

My staff and I look forward to working closely with the District as these projects move forward to assure that full compatibility with CALFED's planning framework is achieved in concert with significant local and regional water management benefits. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to write or call me at (916) 657-2666 or have your staff contact Stein Buer at (916) 653-6628.

Sincerely,



Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

cc: Gaye Lopez, Manager, CBDD
Keith Hansen, Chairman CBDD

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