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Mr. Stephen Barbata
Executive Director
The Delta Science Center
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Dear Mr. Barbata:

We received your letter of January 16, 1998 in which you express concern that the Delta Science Center's proposal K299 was not selected in the 1997 or early 1998 cycles of Category III funding. We are aware of the importance of the Delta Science Center. Unfortunately, CALFED received many proposals and could not fund them all. We would be happy to discuss your project and identify any features that are more likely to fit with Category III funding priorities.

Funding decisions have followed the priorities listed in the July 1997 Request for Proposal, as further refined by the Integration Panel. As you know, less funding is being set aside for "education" especially in these first few funding cycles where the emphasis is being placed on restoring habitat and reducing direct mortality to priority species.

CALFED is in the process of allocating the remainder of the 1998 monies, and there will be an opportunity for the Delta Science Center to reapply for funding in early April. Based on your proposal, it appears that you may be able to resubmit proposals in two categories: education and habitat restoration demonstration projects. Although CALFED staff have not received final stakeholder and agency review and approval for the grants categories, at this time we anticipate that an additional \$300,000 will be available for educational projects and \$2,000,000 for habitat restoration demonstration projects. We have maintained the previous RFP mailing list and will mail you the grant announcement as soon as it is available.

CALFED Agencies

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

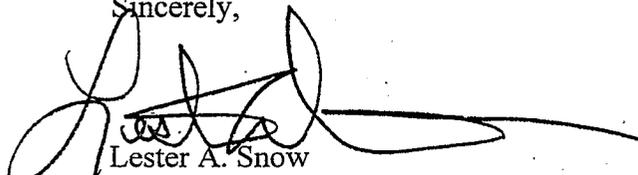
Federal
Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service

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If you have any questions or would like to discuss your proposal further, you may contact Kate Hansel of my staff at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director