

April 16, 1998

The Honorable Maurice Johannessen  
Member of the Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5061  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Johannessen:

This is in response to your letter of March 24, 1998, regarding distribution of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's *Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report*.

Beginning March 16, 1998, we have forwarded various sets of materials to parties who have expressed an interest in the Bay-Delta Program. The enclosed 343-page listing displays the initial distribution of these three sets of materials. Many recipients received a one-page announcement of the release of the Programmatic EIS/EIR. This announcement included instructions for requesting additional material. Pages 65 through 343 show the distribution of this announcement and instructions for receiving additional material. Another group received the Programmatic EIS/EIR Executive Summary and the *Phase II Interim Report*. Pages 21 through 64 list those receiving this packet. A third group received the full Programmatic EIS/EIR. The full Programmatic EIS/EIR includes the Executive Summary, the Phase II Interim Report, the Main Document, and Technical Appendices. Pages 1 through 21 list those receiving a full set of documents. Full sets of Programmatic EIS/EIR documents were sent to every county board of supervisors and to at least one individual in county government executive branch. Additionally, full sets were sent to county farm bureaus throughout the Central Valley and to libraries throughout the state. We are continuing to mail materials in response to verbal, electronic and written requests.

On March 12, we faxed a media advisory to approximately 40 water and environmental issues writers at California and national newspapers. The media advisory alerted these reporters that we were about to release the draft programmatic EIS/EIR. A list of these news outlets is enclosed. On March 14, we mailed a copy of a press release and a fact sheet titled "Commonly Asked Questions" to about 1,200 print and radio news outlets. The press release announced the availability of the draft programmatic EIS/EIR. A list of these news

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**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

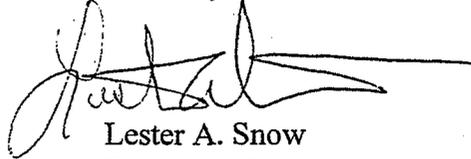
Department of Agriculture  
Natural Resources Conservation Service  
Department of Commerce  
National Marine Fisheries Service

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outlets is also enclosed. On March 15, we faxed the press release and Commonly Asked Questions to the 40 writers who received the media alert. At 10 a.m. on March 16, we distributed the press release and Commonly Asked Questions electronically via Businesswire to all California weekly and daily newspapers, radio and television outlets, and business, environmental, water, and government publications.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have any additional questions, please call me at (916) 657-2666, or have your staff contact Daniel McCarroll, Legislative Coordinator, at (916) 653-5704.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester A. Snow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director

Enclosures