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This letter is in response to a request made at the July 1998 CALFED Management Team meeting to expand the scope of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program to include out-of-valley drainage solutions in the San Joaquin Valley. The request was made by the State Water Resources Control Board on behalf of the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. At the meeting, the Management Team decided not to expand the scope of the CALFED Program at this time and indicated that the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Implementation Program (SJVDIP) provides the appropriate process through which to develop long-term solutions to the San Joaquin Valley drainage problems.

As you may know, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program includes certain drainage management actions that are consistent with the San Joaquin Valley Drainage Implementation Program (SJVDIP) and the 1990 Management Plan known as the "Rainbow Report." The CALFED agencies support the SJVDIP and will continue to work with the management of the SJVDIP in developing intermediate and long-term solutions. The CALFED agencies are now considering investments in long-term drainage management studies, evaluations, and pilot scale projects, through the SJVDIP, and consistent with CALFED objectives and priorities.

We appreciate the State and Regional Boards' interest in the CALFED process and look forward to working with you and the SJVDIP managers to continue pursuing creative solutions to the serious drainage issues in the San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

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