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Mr. Stig Regli
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Dear Mr. Regli:

On behalf of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, thank you very much for your willingness to participate on the expert panel to evaluate the significance of bromide to selection of a Preferred Alternative for addressing the water quality and other problems of the San Francisco Bay-Delta estuary.

As the Delta supplies drinking water to about two-thirds of California's citizens, it is difficult to overstate the importance of making the best possible decisions affecting this resource. Your participation was important to CALFED because you were identified by stakeholders as one of the persons best qualified to make a meaningful contribution to the knowledge base upon which Delta decisions must be made. The panel report resulting from your September 8-9, 1998 deliberations demonstrates the good judgment of these stakeholders. I particularly appreciate the panel perspective that both a short and a long term strategy must be developed to address drinking water concerns, and your specific suggestions for actions CALFED can take in the near term that will enlighten and inform these strategies as the program is implemented.

I believe the panelists collectively provided us with the right combination of expertise and wisdom, and I hope you will be able to continue providing assistance to the program as we move forward. Thank you once again for a highly successful effort.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

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