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The Honorable Bruce Thompson
Member of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2160
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblyman Thompson:

Thank you for your letter of January 24, 1999, commenting on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program *Revised Phase II Report*. I am pleased to learn that you support CALFED efforts to find solutions to California's environmental and water management issues and that you view the *Revised Phase II Report* as a significant step toward a comprehensive, long-term solution for the Bay-Delta system.

We agree with your observations concerning the need for cost-effective improvements in water quality and expansion of wastewater recycling. Your comment that a healthy ecosystem is necessary in the Bay-Delta to improve water supply reliability is completely consistent with CALFED's approach to developing a balanced Program that recognizes the interaction, in both directions, between an improved ecosystem and improved water supply reliability. We believe improved ecosystem functions will help provide the long-term regulatory certainty that water users need for efficient planning for future needs. Analyses of water storage and water conveyance facilities are clearly part of the Program, to be evaluated to determine their appropriate role in achieving the Program's multiple goals. Finally, we are encouraged by your support for creation of a Delta Drinking Water Council, as mentioned in the report.

Thank you again for your support and for sharing your comments and observations with us. Please call if you have any questions about the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
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