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January 26, 1999

Executive Director Lester Snow
CalFed Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
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Dear Mr. Snow:

Thank you for your leadership and hard work as executive director of CalFed. As a member of the Senate Select Committee on the CalFed Water Program, I have been consistently impressed with your program's commitment to finding common ground among varied stakeholders to provide clean, reliable sources of water to all Californians while protecting and restoring ecologically significant watersheds.

I represent the greater San Diego area in the State Senate, and customers of Metropolitan Water District and the San Diego County Water Authority are among my constituents. While I know city and county water authorities may at times differ, there are areas of agreement on some issues that I wanted to bring to your attention.

- Clean water is a priority for San Diego and Southern California. Current efforts at water recycling and responsible use, however important, cannot address this primary concern.
- Finding a reliable source of water to meet the needs of a growing population is also key.
- While not impacting us directly, we support ecosystem restoration in San Joaquin Bay Delta and capital projects to assure California's water storage needs are met.
- It is important to Southern Californians and San Diegans that their needs be weighed as seriously as those of other areas of the state and other stakeholders to the CalFed process.

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The CalFed Select Committee has yet to be reinstated this session; if it is, I anticipate I will continue to serve. Regardless I look forward to the opportunity to work with you on matters of concern to San Diegans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "DeDe".

SENATOR DEDE ALPERT
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