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Mr. Dick Akin
Sutter County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Mr. Akin:

Thank you for your patience while CALFED worked to establish a process for continued Englebright Lake discussions. Public Affairs Management (PAM) has been selected to facilitate the Work Group meetings to identify studies to evaluate the feasibility of reintroducing chinook salmon and steelhead to the upper Yuba River watershed. Bonnie Nixon and Brad Shinn of PAM have extensive experience in facilitating difficult issues in a neutral manner and will help us ensure a credible process. They have not previously been employed by CALFED.

You are invited to participate in this process as a full member of the Englebright Work Group. At this time, your commitment to this process will involve two full days of meetings during April followed by an evening public workshop in May. Your role in the Work Group is to assist CALFED in identifying the necessary technical or feasibility studies related to allowing salmon and steelhead access to the upper Yuba River.

Initially, the Work Group will be divided into three smaller groups: local infrastructure and property owners, environmental, and agency. PAM will first meet each group separately to identify the group's issues and concerns. While there will be some overlap in interests among these groups, we think this will help establish an environment for candid discussion of each group's primary issues and concerns.

The issues and concerns of the small groups will then be integrated into an overriding set of issues and concerns to be addressed by the full Work Group. The full Work Group will be an opportunity to validate areas of agreement, resolve areas of disagreement, and formulate recommendations for study.

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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The full Work Group study recommendations will be referred to technical experts, including representatives from local counties and agencies, to refine the details of the recommended studies and to develop information needed to issue contracts for the required work. Funding for the studies is expected to be available in October 1999 at the start of the federal fiscal year.

Please contact Mr. Terry Mills of the CALFED staff if you are unable to participate in the Englebright Work Group. He will contact participants shortly regarding potential dates for the Work Group meetings. You can reach Terry at the letterhead address or by telephone at (916) 653-3244.

Again, thank you for your patience. I look forward to a successful process that will provide the CALFED Bay-Delta Program with the guidance required for the feasibility phase of the evaluation.

Sincerely,



Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Enclosure

cc: Yuba County Board of Supervisors
Sutter County Board of Supervisors
Nevada County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Tim Leslie
The Honorable Maurice Johannessen
The Honorable Dick Dickerson
The Honorable Sam Aanestad

Also sent to:

List of Englebright Work Group Members

Local infrastructure and property owners

Dick Akin, Sutter County Board of Supervisors
Kevin Goishi, Pacific Gas and Electric, Auburn
Brent Hastey, Yuba County Water Agency, Marysville
Doni Hubbard, Citizens Allies Against Lake Englebright Destruction, Los Altos
George Leipzig, Penn Valley Chamber of Commerce, Penn Valley
Dan Logue, Yuba Sutter Flood Control Committee, Marysville
Einer Maisch, Place County Water Agency, Auburn
Elizabeth Martin, Nevada County Board of Supervisors
Dave Munro, Skipper's Cove Marina, Smartville
Les Nicholson, Nevada Irrigation District, Colfax
Hal Stocker, Yuba County Board of Supervisors

Environmental

Rance Broda, Gold Country Flyfishers, North San Juan
Jim Crenshaw, California Sportfishing Protection Alliance, Woodland
Alan Eberhardt, Sierra Club, Grass Valley
Steve Evans, Friends of the River, Sacramento
Shawn Garvey, South Yuba River Citizens League, Nevada City
Ray Patton, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Grass Valley
Marc Reisner, Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, San Anselmo
Kerri Timmer, Yuba Watershed Council, Grass Valley
Steve Trafton, Trout Unlimited, Albany
Cara Wasilewski, Nevada County Resource Conservation District

Agency

Karl Halupka, National Marine Fisheries Service, Santa Rosa
Carl Mesick, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Stockton
Terry Mills, CALFED, Sacramento
John Nelson, California Department of Fish and Game, Rancho Cordova