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Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Lester:

At the recommendation of the Southern California Water Committee's Bay Delta Advisory Task Force, the Board of Trustees at their March 25 meeting endorsed the CALFED Integrated Storage Investigation draft proposal.

The Water Committee believes that CALFED should make an assessment of the role of storage in the context of a water management framework and voted to support this comprehensive effort to evaluate surface storage, groundwater storage, power facility re-operation, and the potential for conjunctive operation of these different types of storage.

The Southern California Water Committee has long supported surface and groundwater storage as key elements in any CALFED Bay-Delta solution. Surface storage facilities can provide a wide range of water management functions and groundwater storage enables increased conjunctive use opportunities.

The SCWC commends the CALFED Bay-Delta Program for its commitment to develop a balanced, integrated water management strategy that assures all available water management tools, including water use efficiency, water transfers, conveyance facilities, and groundwater and surface storage opportunities will be used to achieve CALFED's water supply reliability goals.

Very truly yours,

Stephen A. Zapoticzny
Chairman

cc: Richard Jemison, Chair, Bay-Delta Advisory Task Force
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