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Dear Mr. Rogers:

As a co-lead agency, the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (the "Agency") hereby authorizes you to execute on its behalf all documents required for release of the revised draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the CALFED Bay Delta program and filing such revised draft with the Council on Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency, including without limitation any transmittal letters, notice of availability and notice of public hearings.

This authorization does not imply that the Agency either has made any findings required by federal statute or is necessarily in full agreement with particular conclusions or analyses included in the draft EIS, which was prepared by CALFED staff.

Thank you for your assistance in facilitating the release of this revised draft EIS.

Very truly yours,



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State Conservationist