

**CALFED
BAY-DELTA
PROGRAM**

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Dear Chairperson Day:

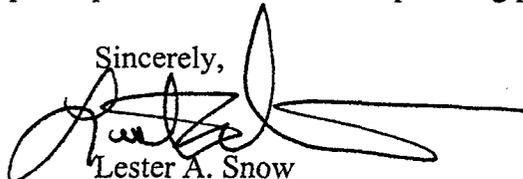
Thank you for your May 5, 1999 letter regarding your tribe's interest in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. We have added your name to our mailing list, so you will receive notification of meetings and workshops as you requested. I hope you received my prior letter regarding tribal involvement in CALFED, which I sent to you around the time you sent your letter. A similar letter went to all tribal chairpersons in California. In response to your interest, this letter will outline some of the specific steps we currently are taking to engage tribes in government-to-government consultations.

In recent months, we have taken more constructive steps to reach out to tribes that may be affected by CALFED's planning process. After meeting with representatives of Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) of the Environmental Protection Agency on April 6, we have made two briefings at existing tribal organization meetings, one at BIA's Central Agency budget meeting and one at RTOC quarterly meeting in Nevada. By informing tribal representatives, those briefings allowed us to move toward government-to-government consultations. Those briefings provided a good opportunity to engage in some positive discussion about tribal involvement in CALFED.

We would like to discuss your interest in having "a tribal representative present as a member of the Bay-Delta Advisory Committee." We recently received a nomination from RTOC to appoint Mike Schaver of Big Valley Rancheria to sit on the Bay-Delta Advisory Council (BDAC). We are now processing Mr. Shaver's nomination to BDAC and he was introduced at the May BDAC meeting. I have asked Alf Brandt, Regional Coordinator of Federal CALFED Agencies, to contact Don Hankins as you suggested to discuss whether you have an interest in your tribe sitting on the BDAC or whether you wish to coordinate tribal representation with Mr. Schaver and perhaps others.

I look forward to your further participation in the CALFED planning process.

Sincerely,



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Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
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Department of Food and Agriculture

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