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Dear Lester,

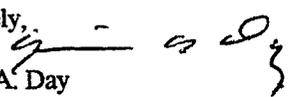
Through recent meetings, the CALFED process has come to our attention. It is a serious concern to the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk, as well as other Federally Recognized and non-recognized tribes and/or tribal individuals, that the indigenous perspective has been overlooked in the planning and proceedings of the various entities currently involved in the CALFED process.

As the traditional inhabitants and ecologists of the Central Sierra Nevada, we feel our knowledge and expertise would greatly benefit the future management practices which will impact our traditional homelands.

We are requesting that the Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk be an equal partner in all levels of planning involved with CALFED. Namely, we would like to have a tribal representative present as a member of the Bay-Delta Advisory Committee. We are also requesting that we receive notification of all committees, stakeholders meetings, workshops, etc. with respect to the CALFED process.

In coordination with future proceedings, please contact Don Hankins, the Environmental Specialist with the Tuolumne Mewuk Environment and Natural Resources Office at (209) 928-1935.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to being an active participant in the future management of our precious natural resources.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Day
Chairperson
Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk

CC: Governor, Gray Davis
Secretary of the Interior, Bruce Babbitt