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Mr. Alex Hildebrand
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Dear Mr. Hildebrand:

Thank you for your June 9 letter in which you detailed the potential increase in SWP and CVP salt loads in the absence of a Grant line canal barrier. You also pointed out that if the SWP and CVP export through a single combined intake, the SWP would capture a majority of the additional salt load.

The effect of the south Delta barriers in shunting saline San Joaquin River flows past the export facilities, as well as the potential water quality effects of interconnecting the SWP and CVP have both been discussed and considered by CALFED staff and managers, along with many other interrelated concerns.

The CALFED Policy Group provided direction to staff at its May 13 meeting which provides substantial flexibility in implementation while seeking to appropriately balance water quality, water supply availability, and fisheries concerns.

If you have further questions or comments, feel free to write or call me at (916) 657-2666 or call Stein Buer at (916) 657-6628.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

cc: Policy Group

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