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Dear Ms. Reynolds:

I am responding to your May 4, 1999 letter to me and your May 3, 1999 letter to Mary Nichols in which you expressed concern over the South Delta planning process and the alternatives under consideration.

The comments you provided at the April 2 and April 30 public meetings were summarized and shared with CALFED agency representatives prior to the May 13 Policy Group meeting. A summary of public comments, your letter to me, and your letter to Mary Nichols were included in the material for the May 13 CALFED Policy Group meeting and given to representatives of each of the CALFED agencies.

As you may be aware, on May 13, the CALFED agencies decided to include a comprehensive approach to the water quality, water supply, fisheries and wildlife habitat concerns in the lower San Joaquin River and South Delta region as part of the Preferred Program Alternative in the Draft Programmatic EIR/EIS. The recommended approach includes three operable barriers in South Delta channels, with the potential to proceed with a fourth barrier if other actions are unsuccessful in addressing local water quality and supply availability concerns.

The proposed approach also calls for creating a Barrier Operations Coordination Team, with local stakeholder participation, to help operate the barriers to achieve an appropriate balance between competing interests.

The regional ecosystem restoration targets cited in the draft comprehensive solution package are part of the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Plan. CALFED'S proposed implementation of the plan now incorporates suggestions provided by the Delta Protection Commission and Delta stakeholders to minimize local impacts.

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**CALFED Agencies**

<b>California</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Resources Agency</li> <li>Department of Fish and Game</li> <li>Department of Water Resources</li> <li>California Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>State Water Resources Control Board</li> <li>Department of Food and Agriculture</li> </ul>	<b>Federal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Environmental Protection Agency</li> <li>Department of the Interior</li> <li>Fish and Wildlife Service</li> <li>Bureau of Reclamation</li> <li>U.S. Geological Survey</li> <li>Bureau of Land Management</li> <li>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Agriculture</li> <li>Natural Resources Conservation Service</li> <li>U.S. Forest Service</li> <li>Department of Commerce</li> <li>National Marine Fisheries Service</li> <li>Western Area Power Administration</li> </ul>
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In summary, CALFED agencies and staff have been and continue to be responsive to your concerns and those of other stakeholders as we seek to develop a balanced approach to provide incremental improvements in the critical resource areas. The recent CALFED Policy Group decision to include this alternative in the Draft Preferred Programmatic Alternative was made with full knowledge of the concerns you have raised.

I hope you will continue to participate as the solution process moves forward. If you have questions, feel free to write, or call me at (916) 657-2666 or Stein Buer at (916) 653-6628.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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Senator Patrick Johnston  
Assemblyman M. Machado  
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San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors  
South Delta Water Agency  
Central Delta Water Agency