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Dear Mr. Patten:

Thank you for your second letter of comment on the December 1998 Revised Phase II Report, including your observations on the recent unusual distribution of Delta Smelt near the project pumps. This recent smelt experience was instructive in pointing out the need for improvements and more flexibility in our water management system.

CALFED issued another Phase II Report in June 1999 as part of our revised Draft Programmatic EIS/EIR. I encourage you to comment formally on the latest CALFED documents. We will also conduct a hearing on the EIS/EIR in your area on September 21. Enclosed is a schedule of the hearings for your information.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

Enclosure

CALFED Agencies

California The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture

Federal Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
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