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Joseph E. Patten
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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

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