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Mr. Paul Thayer, Executive Officer
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100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100-South
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Dear Mr. Thayer:

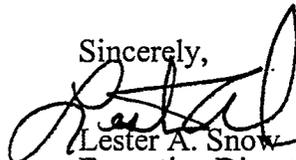
On behalf of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, I would like to thank Eric Kauffman and the State Lands Commission for your outstanding contribution to making the U. S. Geological Survey 7 and 1/2-minute Digital Raster Graphic (DRG) quadrangles available to the public via the Internet. We believe quad sheets are fundamental base map "building blocks" that are widely used, and are an invaluable part of a growing set of spatial data critical to meeting the needs of many of CALFED's cooperating agencies as well as the general public.

In cooperation with the Resources Agency, CERES Program, USGS, and Department of Fish and Game, and others, Eric has provided a service that will save agencies and the public thousands of dollars, and, more importantly, improve the way we all develop and share information about proposed projects and the distribution of physical, biological, and cultural resources of the state.

I would like to encourage your continued support of Eric's work. I would also like to offer some staff support, if needed, to help SLC and CERES coordinate and facilitate the sharing of the Internet bandwidth burden---associated with the tremendous demand for the quad sheets---among state, federal and other agencies/organizations, and additional geospatial data critical to our resource management agencies.

I look forward to continuing our cooperative relationship with the State Lands Commission to help provide valuable information about California's natural and cultural resources to the public. Please contact Ray McDowell of my staff at (916) 653-9499 if you need further assistance.

Sincerely,


 Lester A. Snow
 Executive Director

Cc: Secretary Mary Nichols, Resources Agency
 Gary Darling, Resources Agency
 Eric Kauffman, State Lands Commission

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