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Dear Walt and Mike:

Thank you for your letter to Secretaries Nichols and Babbitt, et al., dated June 28, 1999. I am writing to let you know that the relevant federal and state agencies are working to address the issue of 1999 water deliveries and the potential for making up water lost to contractors due to the recent unanticipated restrictions on Delta pumping.

The federal and state agencies involved with Delta operations are aware of the need for a broad operations plan for the remainder of 1999. The CALFED Ops Group has been directed to draft a plan, and present it to the members of the CALFED Federal-State Small Group. We will advise you of the progress of these discussions shortly.

CALFED is committed to finding a solution to this situation which not only addresses the near-term needs of the State Water Contractors and SLDMWA but also helps in the development of long-term Delta water supply stability for all users.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

CALFED Agencies

<p>California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<p>Federal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service U.S. Forest Service Department of Commerce National Marine Fisheries Service Western Area Power Administration
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