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October 13, 1999

The Honorable George Miller
United States House of Representatives
2205 Rayburn House Office Building
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Dear Representative Miller:

This letter provides further responses to detailed issues raised in your letter of August 26, 1999, regarding a potential Hood-Mokelumne diversion facility, as discussed in the CALFED June 1999 Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report Revised Phase II Report. In my letter of September 16, 1999, (enclosed) I provided an explanation of why a Hood-Mokelumne diversion facility is being considered as part of the CALFED draft preferred program alternative. I also indicated that I would provide further responses to the detailed issues raised in your letter of August 26, 1999.

I realize this response has been delayed. The questions presented in your letter have caused us to re-examine our reports to determine which matters need clarification to resolve ambiguities and which matters need further discussion to more fully explain how we believe the CALFED Bay-Delta Program would work in practice.

I would like to reiterate two important points from my September 16 letter. First, whether the Hood-Mokelumne diversion facility remains in the preferred program alternative as a contingent action will be the subject of further consideration based on comments received and concerns raised. Second, if this contingent action is carried forward into the final preferred program alternative, relevant portions of our report and program plans will be re-written to be as clear and thorough as possible.

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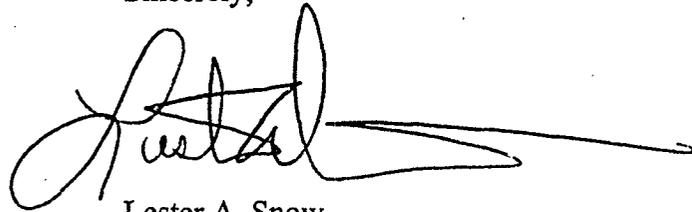
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I hope that the enclosed material responds in sufficient detail to the questions, comments, and observations in your letter of August 26, 1999. Please call me at (916) 657-2666 if you wish to discuss this matter, or any other aspect of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, in greater detail.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lester A. Snow", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lester A. Snow
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