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Mr. Arthur F. Godwin
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Dear Mr. Godwin:

In your letter dated November 8, 1999, you requested more information regarding statements in the October 19, 1999 Executive Directors Report.

The Transfer Agency Group (TAG) referred to in the Report is a group of CALFED agency staff who meet on a monthly basis to develop proposed solutions to water transfer issues. Proposals developed by this group will be further discussed and debated in stakeholder forums during 2000 as we try to implement a refined framework for statewide water transfers. However, prior to stakeholder discussions, it is necessary for the CALFED agencies to clarify their own existing rules and procedures and resolve inter-agency disputes, such as when reservoir refill conditions should be mandatory and when they should not. Currently, there is disagreement between the USBR, DWR, and SWRCB on this particular issue.

The reservoir refill criteria information contained on page 4-11 of the June 1999 Water Transfer Program Plan will be updated based on on-going TAG meetings and comments received during the public comment period. A refined proposal will be publicly available in spring of 2000 as part of the Final Programmatic EIR/EIS.

We look forward to your and other stakeholder participation in discussing TAG proposals during the upcoming year. If you have any questions about the information provided, please call me at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,

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Acting Executive Director

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