

Madera County Water Oversight Committee

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MADERA COUNTY BOARD
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Dear Ms. Hanhart McIntyre, Messrs. Bigelow, Gilbert, Moss and Silva,

Per the request of the Board of Supervisors, the Madera County Water Oversight Committee reviewed for comment and recommendation the Resolution in Support of a CALFED Bay Delta Program for Supply of Water to the People of the (California) State on February 25, 2000. In general, the document considered, Action Principles for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program, contained more policy statements which help large metropolitan areas of the state rather than small, rural, agricultural based areas, such as Madera County. For example, the fundamental premise of the action principles stated on page 1 of the document states "there is enough water in our state to meet California's collective needs if we manage it appropriately for all beneficial uses". The Committee believes that additional storage, preferably with proven methods such as above ground, is necessary in order to sustain the growth in the state of California. "Managing it appropriately" will only reallocate water from rural, agricultural regions to urban, metropolitan areas. Further echoing that policy direction, are statements endorsing the use of regional water transfers and establishing exchange agreements to improve the water quality for urban areas. Again, we do not feel these principles are in the best interest of Madera County. Therefore, the Oversight Committee voted to remain neutral, i.e. not endorse, the aforementioned resolution.

Respectfully submitted,



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