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Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUSTAINABLE WATER FUTURE FOR CALIFORNIA

Dear Governor Davis:

I am concerned about the condition of California's bays and rivers and the quality of its drinking water. As Governor, you have the power to ensure that future generations will be able to appreciate and enjoy the scenic and recreational qualities of our bays and rivers, as well as provide an abundant supply of safe drinking water.

I urge you to chart a smarter course for California through the CALFED Bay/Delta program. By supporting this program, you support the following "wise-use" strategies:

- 1) Invest in water efficiency for at least seven years before even considering new dams and reservoirs;
- 2) Improve water quality for people and wildlife by enforcing pollution limits;
- 3) Restore our rivers, bays and fisheries by providing adequate fresh water and caring for the land around our rivers; and
- 4) Stop making taxpayers pick up the tab for studies of new dams and reservoirs that flood valuable habitat and remove needed water from our rivers.

Water is California's most important resource. Without healthy rivers, abundant wildlife, and ample clean water, our families, farms, businesses and tourism will suffer. Please do your best to ensure the CALFED program.

Sincerely,

Jill Benner

CC Tom Hannigan, Water Resources Director

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