

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814
Cc: Water Resources Director Tom Hannigan

Dear Governor Davis:

As a long time resident of Southern California, I have followed for quite a while the issues regarding one of our most precious resources, water. We must now as a state choose to do something about the state of this resource. We need to improve water quality, protect our watersheds and fisheries and invest in water conservation to make our communities self-reliant. A smarter course will guarantee healthy rivers, abundant wildlife, and ample clean water for our families, farms, and businesses.

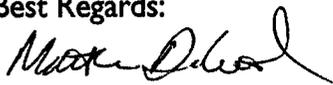
As our Governor, you can have an impact on these important decisions by reviewing and implementing the CALFED Bay/Delta program to be released in late June. This program provides a plan to protect and use California's water resources for the next 50 years.

I urge you as our Governor to ensure that the CALFED program:

- **Invests in water efficiency** for at least seven years before even considering new dams and reservoirs.
- **Restores our rivers, bays and fisheries** by providing adequate fresh water and caring for the land around our rivers.
- **Improves water quality** for people and wildlife by enforcing pollution limits.
- **Stops making taxpayers pick up the tab** for studies on new dams and reservoirs that flood valuable habitat and remove needed water from our rivers.

I sincerely hope you can lead California toward a smarter future – and away from the old ways of “business as usual” out-of-control construction by developers and agribusiness that harm our environment. Thank you for your time.

Best Regards:



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