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Dear Ms. Borgonovo:

Thank you for your letter of December 8, 1995, commenting on the CALFED Bay Delta Program. I wanted to respond directly to several of the issues you have raised.

You have identified the issue of baseline conditions as an important element for us to resolve, and suggest that the December 1994 Bay-Delta Accord Water Quality Standards are the proper baseline. We are currently in the process of developing criteria to apply to both policies and projects which might be considered as part of baseline conditions. This will also be an important discussion at the Phase II scoping meetings generally scheduled for mid-April. A final decision on this issue must properly wait until there has been public opportunity for more discussion during the scoping process starting in April.

You raise several issues concerning the concept of demand management and the role it can have both as part of our core actions and as part of the alternatives. We were happy to invite Dr. Peter Glick to speak to the Program team earlier this month. Through this discussion we were able to illuminate several aspects of demand and demand management in need of more full development. A discussion paper on the subject has been included in your packet for the next BDAC meeting and should assist us in identifying in greater detail the potential benefits of various levels of demand management to the quality of the alternatives.

Thank you for your continuing interest in our Program.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program