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Mr. Michael Rozengurt
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Dear Mr. Rozengurt:

Thank you for sending me the package of materials regarding the various factors affecting estuarine health. I have read them with great interest.

As I understand it, the theme of the articles and conference proceedings you provided me with is that estuarine processes, particularly in arid and semiarid climates, are highly dependent upon freshwater inflow to provide the energy, nutrients, oxygen, salinity repulsion, and mixing required to sustain health, and when freshwater flows drop below a critical threshold, the estuarine system will collapse. You cited a number of examples from the former U.S.S.R., Egypt, Aral Sea, Caspian Sea, and Black Sea.

As you may be aware, the mission of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program is to develop a long-term comprehensive plan that will restore ecological health and improve water management for beneficial uses of the Bay-Delta system.

There is no question in my mind that the issue of what constitutes adequate flows to sustain the Bay-Delta estuary will be given a great deal of consideration throughout this process. Accordingly, I am including your materials in the CALFED Bay-Delta Program comment data base, so that they may be available to all interested parties and will be deliberately considered in the solution finding process. Please let me know if you would like to have the originals back after we make copies and enter the information into the comment data base.

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Again, thank you for providing us with your writings. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to call me at (916) 653-6628.

Sincerely,

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