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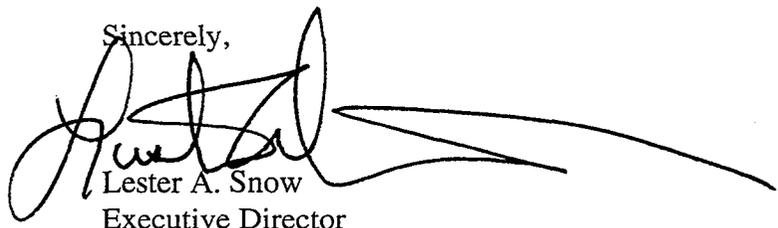
Dear Mr. Sherrill:

Thank you for your May 12, 1997 letter with follow up comments on the CALFED Impact Analysis Workshop conducted on April 29. I share your concern regarding potential impacts of groundwater banking and conjunctive use programs on Sacramento Valley resources. Our approach to the impact evaluation as described in the April 29 workshop is intended to disclose the range of potential impacts associated with Program actions in the Programmatic EIR/EIS now being prepared. The PEIR/EIS will also provide an opportunity to discuss implementation principles, local concerns, and potential mitigation actions. I don't believe that it would be appropriate to launch detailed technical studies at this stage of the planning process, however. Such studies would be appropriate for project level environmental documentation, with limited geographic scope, and supplemented by pilot programs and extensive local input.

Your concerns regarding DWR's Supplemental Water Purchase Plan and sequencing of potential facilities are noted. We will work to improve coordination with DWR staff as well as with local agencies to assure that concerns are taken into consideration in the formulation of the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

Thank you for your thoughtful comments. If you have any further questions or comments, please feel free to call me at (916) 657-2666.

Sincerely,



Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

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The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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