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Dear Mr. Snow and BDAC Members:

On behalf of the San Francisco Estuary Project's Implementation Committee, I am transmitting the enclosed draft comparison and analysis between CALFED and the *Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan's* (CCMP) approach in addressing the Bay-Delta Estuary's problems.

We produced the comparison to focus our joint efforts on mutual goals and to encourage CALFED in using this information in the development of your plans for water quality, research and monitoring, land use/watershed management, water use/reliability, and assurances. Additionally, it is important that resources be made available through assurances to those agencies or entities that will carry out the various actions. Please distribute the draft comparison as needed for information and/or comment. We recommend that CALFED evaluate the CCMP's actions and consider incorporating them, where appropriate, into your program.

As you may know, the CCMP was developed during a six-year, consensus-based process by many interest groups and agencies (see enclosed list of signatories) and approved by Governor Pete Wilson and US EPA Administrator Carol Browner in 1993.

The draft comparison does not reflect the views of individual agencies participating on the Estuary Project's Implementation Committee or in CALFED, but it is an effort to provide CALFED with already agreed upon actions by diverse interest groups. These actions could be used in developing

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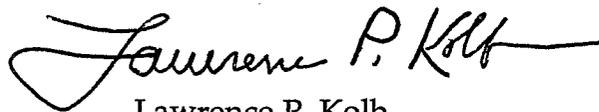
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more detailed plans in the above mentioned program areas. Because of CALFED's schedule and the highly complex scope of the *Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan*, we did not do a comparison between it and our Aquatic Resources, Wetlands and Wildlife Program Areas at this time.

In order to provide ongoing communication and continued collaboration between our organizations, we urge CALFED to invite the Estuary Project or Friends of the San Francisco Estuary to participate again on BDAC:

We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. If we can answer any questions or provide you with additional information, please call me at 510/286-1307 or Marcia Brockbank, SFEP Program Manager at 510/286-0780.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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