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Lester Snow, Executive Director
CALFED
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Dear Mr. Snow:

This letter is to inform you of my strong support for an \$800,000 application filed by various stakeholders for a CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Projects and Programs (Category III) grant. This proposal, known as the San Joaquin River Riparian Habitat Restoration Project, would develop a plan to outline a strategy for restoration of a continuous riparian corridor along the San Joaquin River from Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced and San Joaquin Rivers.

I am heartened that this effort includes important stakeholders including the Friant Water Users Authority, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations, Riparian Landowners, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. In addition, I understand that other groups, such as the San Joaquin River Conservancy and the San Joaquin River Parkway and Conservation Trust are supportive of this request.

We are all aware of the strong feelings that are part of any discussion about this section of the San Joaquin River. I hope that CALFED will support this grant request as an important step in the restoration of one of California's great rivers while addressing the legitimate needs and concerns of all stakeholders.

Should you or your staff have questions regarding this letter, please contact Tom Bohigian, my Northern California Director, at 209-497-5109. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,


Barbara Boxer
United States Senator

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