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December 24, 1997

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SUBJECT: FLOOD CONTROL PLANNING IN THE NORTH DELTA

Dear Mr. Snow:

Sacramento County is aware of the challenging task facing the CALFED program in its efforts to address the myriad of needs in the Delta, however, I would like to call your attention to an issue of great importance to Sacramento County, that of flood control.

Sacramento County has dedicated significant resources over the course of many years in working to identify solutions to flooding problems in southern Sacramento County. The potential solutions which would significantly reduce flood stages (thus far identified) are regional in their scope and yet, the flood threat is real. As we experienced this past winter the flooding potential in certain areas has been exacerbated over time by changing hydrology, development in the watersheds, levee improvements, reduced channel capacity and a combination of other factors. It is extremely important that any long-term and/or short-term solutions considered by the CALFED program have a strong flood control component.

As the CALFED program moves toward a preferred alternative in the months ahead, we ask that you please work with Sacramento County, at both the staff and elected official levels, to identify a realistic preferred alternative with a strong flood control component; one which reduces flood stages in the North Delta,



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particularly on the Mokelumne River from Benson's Ferry to the southern end of Tyler Island.

Your interest and attention to this request is appreciated.

Sincerely,



Don Nottoli, Chairman
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