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Honorable Richard Pombo
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Subject: CALFED Program Support

Dear Congressman Pombo,

We at the Stockton East Water District have reviewed your December 22, 1997 letter to Congressman Livingston, which expressed your concerns with the direction of the CALFED program.

The Board of Directors of the district has directed me to inform you of its support for your position with regard to CALFED. We, too, share your concern that CALFED to date has focused exclusively on addressing restoration and export concerns. Absent from any CALFED planning documents are long term water supply solutions for the State and solutions for area of origin and other northern California agricultural or urban interests.

We have been told by CALFED staff that none of the three conveyance system alternatives under consideration will increase water supply; new storage projects will be needed. We have also been told that the conveyance facilities will cost \$billions and will take ten years or more to construct.

It is a fact that the State has a current water supply deficit and that this deficit will grow substantially during the next 30 years. New storage projects will have to be built soon. We are concerned that the three conveyance systems under consideration may not fit the water supply needs of year 2020+. We are concerned that the \$billions and the time associated with the current three alternatives could be wasted, should the long term water supply solution not fit any one of these facilities.

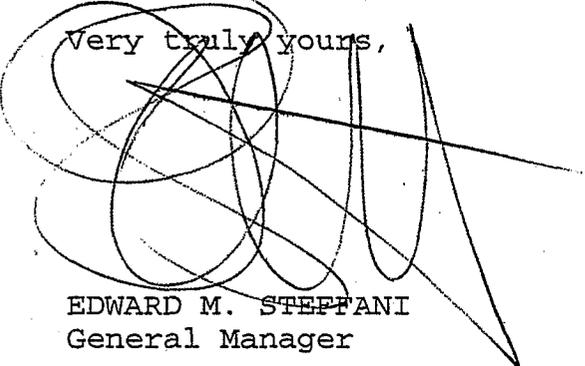
We hope that you will ask CALFED to look further in the future, 50± years, to identify possible long term water supply options which can be tested against the proposed "Delta Fixes".

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We, too, support the stated goal of CALFED of finding a solution to end California's Bay-Delta water problems that is agreeable to all the stakeholders. We have been involved in the CALFED process in the hopes that goal would be realized. We believe, however, that it may take efforts such as yours to provide needed direction to the CALFED process and steer it toward a course that will provide the solution needed for all of California.

Very truly yours,



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