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Lester Snow, Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow,

We are disappointed not to have received a response from you to our October 21 request (copy attached) that projects in the Trinity River basin be made eligible for future rounds of Category III funding.

For more than three decades, Trinity River water has flowed to the Central Valley at an average rate of 1 million acre feet per year. This makes the Trinity River a significant source of Central Valley and Delta streamflows, which are a primary focus of the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP) which Category III is intended to implement.

Trinity County would like to submit Category III proposals which would support the ERPP by minimizing upcoming reductions in Trinity River contributions to Delta streamflows. It seems unreasonable and counterproductive for CALFED to discourage such a proposal, or to take this significant source of Delta water for granted at a time when when substantial operational changes are being considered for restoration of the Trinity River. Therefore, we renew our request that future RFPs for Category III proposals include the Trinity River Watershed as an eligible project area.

Sincerely,

TRINITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Ralph Modine, Chairman

cc: Mike Madigan, Chair, Bay-Delta Advisory Council
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