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Dear Sirs:

In your deliberations to implement the Bay Delta Decision, I believe it is important for you to know the strong feelings in the water community of Orange County. I am an elected Director of the Irvine Ranch Water District. As a Director of a good sized water agency that has directed serious and successful efforts in water reclamation, conservations and wetlands restoration, I have followed the CALFED process with great interest and some admiration.

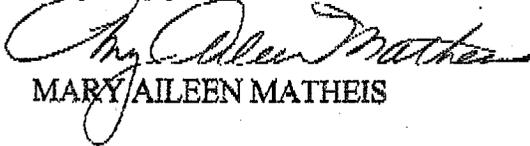
The lengthy investigations and deliberations undergone in consideration the several proposed alternatives to reform and correct the deterioration of the Delta and to improve the water delivery system of California, and most importantly to assure the high quality of water for use and re-use have been impressive. Now it is time for action - and **real action.**

Those making decisions in the CALFED process cannot and should not ignore the good science and practical solution in the development of an isolated facility. To enable all of California to attain the goals of Conservation, Water Reclamation and habitat restoration, we must have high quality water. Such water can only be achieved by the development and support of an isolated facility. Science has supported this alternative and it is disingenuous for those in the decision making process to ignore the obvious.

There is no need for further delay or study. California has been studying its water problems for almost half a century - and the problems are not going to change or be resolved without courage, honesty and openness.

I join with other committed public officials in Northern and Southern California and urge you to take note of good science, good reasoning and good sense. Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,



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