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September 30, 1998

Lester Snow, Executive Director  
CALFED Bay Delta Program  
1416 - 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Room 1155  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Concern About Madera Ranch Project

Dear Mr. Snow:

On behalf of the Merced County Board of Supervisors, I want to join Madera County and many of our local water districts in expressing concern about moving forward with the Madera Ranch Project.

This project could have far reaching ramifications for the areas that surround it, including portions of Merced County. In particular, we are concerned about subsidence in the area of the Mendota Pool and along the Delta Mendota Canal. We are also concerned about the potential for degradation of water quality delivered to farmers down stream of the Mendota Pool in Merced County.

We agree with others and request Phase II of the project be deferred until the many serious questions raised about the adequacy of the Phase I report can be satisfactorily addressed.

Sincerely,

*Kathleen M. Crookham*  
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Chairman, Board of Supervisors

cc: Valerie Justice  
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