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RAYMOND BASIN MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Mr. Lester Snow
 Executive Director, CALFED
 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

The Raymond Basin Management Board (RBMB) is responsible for managing the Raymond groundwater basin to assure the reliability of this critical water source. Sixteen water agencies produce water from this valuable resource pursuant to the adjudication provisions of the Raymond Basin Judgment. We have been closely following the CALFED process and we are growing increasingly concerned with recent events and the direction that the process appears to be taking. We are convinced that successful completion of this process is critical to the social, environmental, and economic quality of life in Southern California as well as the entire state.

In September of this year, the Metropolitan Water District Board of Directors adopted a policy position paper (copy enclosed) for the CALFED Bay-Delta Program. This is to advise you that we support the position adopted by Metropolitan. We note that the regional approach in Metropolitan's policy position paper emphasizes the water quality benefits required to assure high quality, reliable, and safe drinking water to meet Southern California needs. It is our opinion that only Alternative 3 accomplishes these goals.

We strongly urge you to consider and support Metropolitan's position and include it in the solution currently being developed. We clearly need these assurances now, not later, in order to ensure that our financial commitment will result in a workable resolution of this critical water resource issue.

Very truly yours,



Ronald C. Palmer
 Executive Officer

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