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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director
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Dear Lester:

As you know, the Bay-Delta is a major source of the imported water supply for Southern California. The policy decisions CALFED is about to make will impact dramatically the long-term water quality and reliability for Southern California. The recommendation for a proposed staging plan that delays important decisions, along with the contingency strategy for an isolated facility, leaves us greatly concerned that CALFED is moving away from making a recommendation that is based on the technically superior alternative.

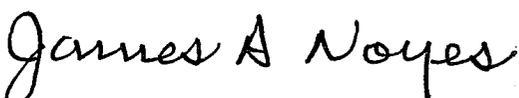
A staging plan can only be successful if it insures balanced improvements in all resource areas for all water interests. For Southern California that means developing an implementation framework with up-front assurances along with the necessary linkages, identified at the beginning of the process, that will provide the water quality and reliability benefits that are essential for Southern California.

We recognize the multiple needs that the CALFED process is addressing. However, by CALFED's own analysis, Alternative Three offers the most balanced and best approach to solving the long-term needs of the Bay-Delta while also improving the source water quality and reliability needs of Southern California. That is why the Board of Supervisors of the Southern California Counties of Imperial, Kern, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, and San Diego have all endorsed Alternative Three. Enclosed are copies of those motions.

We continue to support the CALFED process and look forward to working the CALFED to implement a solution that is fair and that will allow all of California to "get better together."

Very truly yours,


Stephen A. Zapotoczny
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Enclosures

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