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Dear Secretary Babbitt, Governor Wilson, and Governor-elect Davis:

We are writing to endorse the "Recommendations from the Business Community on CALFED" recently submitted to you by a coalition of business and employer organizations throughout California. We commend this approach to you for reaching agreement on a balanced CALFED solution. And, we join the coalition in urging a decision on an overall CALFED Bay-Delta solution by the end of 1998.

The CALFED Bay-Delta Program is the single best opportunity to resolve in a timely and equitable manner water issues that threaten California's environmental quality and economic prosperity. As major employers, we encourage action now that will ensure a reliable, affordable, adequate supply of high-quality water for California in the 21st Century. It is imperative for both the economy and the environment that federal and state officials reach agreement in the near future on a progressive, comprehensive, and balanced CALFED solution.

We thank you individually and collectively for your dedicated and courageous leadership on water resource management. Your decisions and actions today will chart the course of California's future for many years to come.

Sincerely,

(See Attached Signatures.)

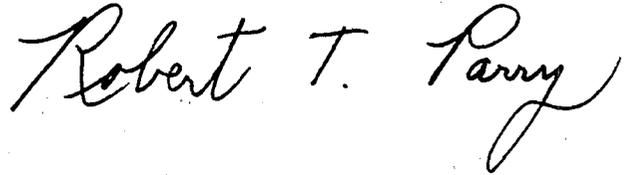
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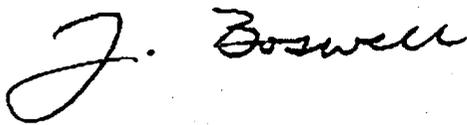
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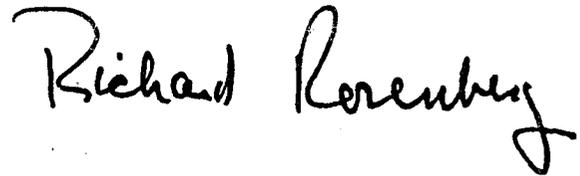
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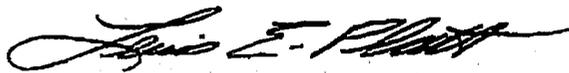
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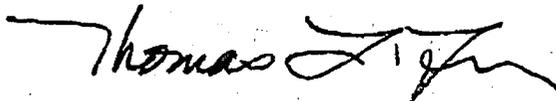
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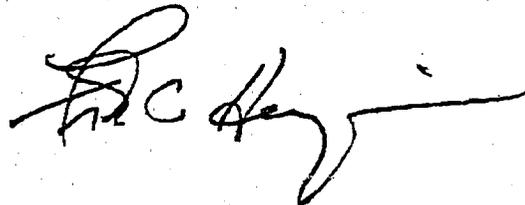
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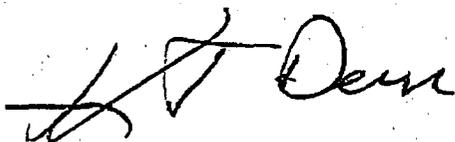
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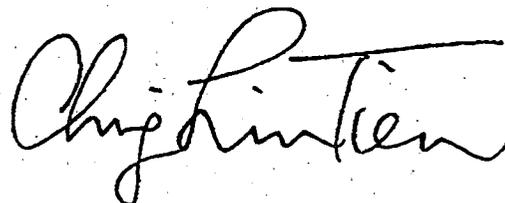
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