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## IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT

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Attached is a position paper on the CALFED Bay-Delta Program adopted by the Board of Directors of the Irvine Ranch Water District on October 26, 1998. We consider this matter to be extremely important, and have expressed in the paper our considerable concerns about the apparent direction the planning process is moving.

Close observers of this situation know that the Metropolitan Water District has adopted such a position paper and our position paper is patterned after that of Metropolitan. Where appropriate, specific language is included showing our District's activities and our specific concerns and beliefs. Where our position paper varies significantly from Metropolitan's we have shown the difference in italicized text.

We feel strongly that the comprehensive structure begun with enthusiasm several years ago is now crumbling under the weight of manipulation. IRWD, and its customers, have relied on the CALFED process to lead to overall solutions to environmental, public health and supply stability issues. We understood that these features were going to come with a price tag, but believed it was intended that the benefits were to be shared by everyone as well as the costs. If it now comes down to a case of urban water users being excluded from a guarantee of benefits, then IRWD will use whatever power and influence it has to assure that urban water users do not have to pay for those unrequited costs.

Our greatest hope is that the CALFED planning process can return to the mainstream, and provide the state-wide leadership it was originally conceived to provide.

Sincerely yours,

  
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President

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