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Ms. Carol Munro  
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Dear Ms. Munro:

Thank you for your letter of January 3, 1999, regarding CALFED's desire to evaluate the feasibility of restoring spring-run chinook salmon and steelhead trout to the Yuba River upstream of Englebright Dam, and thank you for your invitation to attend the January 14, 1999, stakeholder meeting in Penn Valley. Unfortunately, due to previous commitments, I will be unable to participate in the Penn Valley meeting. Attending for CALFED will be Mr. Dick Daniel, Assistant Director for Ecosystem Restoration.

Mr. Daniel will be there to respond to your questions, however, there are some questions that will require additional information before an answer can be formulated. For example, we do not know if there is suitable habitat for salmon and steelhead in the upper Yuba River nor a need for further evaluations.

It is my understanding that on January 4, 1999, Mr. Kevin Wolf mailed notes from the December 9, 1998, meeting in Olivehurst, an announcement for the January 14, 1999, Penn Valley meeting, and a meeting agenda to 160 stakeholders who had provided their mailing addresses.

It is unfortunate that these initial discussions have been cast in terms of "tearing down" or "not tearing down" a dam. Obviously, what we all should be talking about is what collaborative opportunities we have for improving conditions for the environment and the region. I hope we can begin a meaningful dialog that leads us to a mutually agreeable solution on these challenging issues.

The Yuba River watershed is an important part of the hydrology and ecology of the Central Valley and, as such, is an important element in several of the CALFED common programs such as our Water Quality, Watershed Coordination, and Ecosystem Restoration Programs. Even if we find that habitat is not suitable for sustaining salmon or steelhead, we still need to pursue Program elements related to water quality and contaminants such as mercury, and support local efforts at watershed planning, management, and restoration.

Sincerely,

Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director

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