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Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow:

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I am requesting, on behalf of the Sacramento Valley Land Owners Association, all information CALFED has regarding the land acquisition process.

CALFED grant applications have been submitted to CALFED requesting funding to acquire land away from the Sacramento River for habitat restoration. Property owners wanting to continue to farm have concerns regarding their ability to do so. Some suggested requirements prior to entering into land acquisition would be to require a memorandum of agreement with the following conditions: "Right to Farm" agreements for neighboring farmers; Permanent control of rodents; Control of deer herds in adjacent orchards; Control of trespassers and hunters entering over onto adjacent parcels; Continued normal farming practices such as aerial and ground application of pesticides; When orchards are no longer farmed they need to be quickly removed to eliminate pest problems.

Additionally, when private groups make a CALFED grant request for money to purchase land, these groups should be required to divulge their long-range plans for the land, and how far from the Sacramento River they plan to make land acquisitions. This information needs to be given to the effected county where the land is located, and to adjacent landowners.

Your prompt reply is appreciated on this matter. Please send the information to my office in Washington, D.C. I am also requesting that you send a duplicate copy of to Les Heringer of the Sacramento Valley Landowners Association at P.O. Box 3014, Sacramento, CA 95812.

Sincerely,


Doug Ose
Member of Congress

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