

# SENATE SELECT COMMITTEE ON CALFED

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Senator K. Maurice Johannessen, Chair

**SENATOR K. MAURICE JOHANNESSEN, CHAIR:** Welcome.

This is one of those things that could probably be not totally gone through in ten hours, but at the same time we do the best we can. At least, get some of the questions answered, explained and so forth. As you probably well know, this probably is going to be some of the more important things that we're going to deal with in the next couple of years, and given the scope, and what CALFED is doing and so forth, is going to be very interesting. But it will also, hopefully, give us a little bit of an opportunity to examine some of the cost benefits and the impacts on that \$4 billion -- I stutter a little bit when I think of \$4 billion program, at least for the first part of it -- and with that I see that Dede Alpert is here, and Costa. Kelley may not make it. Rainey, I think is in the -- Rainey could possibly make it later. And also, Solis will be here. I think she is in the building. Then, Senator Don Perata, is a new one on the committee, but he won't make it today.

So being this is pretty much of an informal kind of a meeting that hopefully, we can get to the bottom of a lot of this kind of thing. And I would like to have Lester Snow who is the director, but I would like have him come up and his whole crew, because he's probably going to need them. It's all right. Are you worried? Come on up. You don't want to be blamed for nothing, do you? Okay. I understand.

**MR. SNOW:** That's what it's always been looked at for.

**SENATOR JOHANNESSEN:** It was bought.

**MR. SNOW:** Isolated facility has been Hood.

**SENATOR JOHANNESSEN:** Yes. But that 130 acres was bought for that purpose.

**MR. SNOW:** I'm not sure what you're referring to. What I think within the last 12 months the Department of Water Resources has been in negotiations regarding acquisition of property in the Hood area. But I guess I would --

**SENATOR JOHANNESSEN:** For what reason?

**MR. SNOW:** Well, you'd have to ask the Department of Resources for that. But let me go on --

**SENATOR JOHANNESSEN:** We had someone from the State actually testifying that the fact that it was done that way for the purpose. I didn't know if you knew about it or not --

**MR. SNOW:** But let me go on and explain the issue of a Hood diversion separate from an isolated facility.

**SENATOR JOHANNESSEN:** You're talking about that shorter, I guess the one you had.

**MR. SNOW:** Right.

**SENATOR JOHANNESSEN:** Yes. Okay.

**MR. SNOW:** One of the problems in the Delta when you operate some of the facilities for fisheries purposes, the cross-channel is you end up lowering water quality in the Delta -- in Central Delta, as well as at the export facilities. So a potential mitigation measure for that that is not very favorable from a fisheries perspective, but mitigation for water quality, is the construction of a 2 - 4,000 CFS diversion at Hood to move