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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for your letter of January 8, 1999 regarding the January public workshops on the CALFED Program.

The purpose of the workshops is to brief the public on the status of the draft preferred alternative. The workshops also will provide opportunities for CALFED staff to interact with people in the various communities, hear their concerns, and answer their questions. While the CALFED Program is always open to public comment, the formal comment period will be later this year, following the release of the revised draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report.

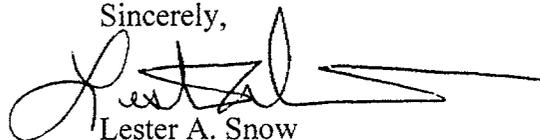
For many people, this will be their only exposure to the Program. Others have closely followed, and will continue to follow, the progress of CALFED. We believe that the workshops will benefit anyone who attends, whether or not they have read the report or have participated in CALFED. We hope that the workshops, part of our continuing effort to educate the public about the CALFED Program, can serve as an impetus for those who have not been active to become more knowledgeable about the Program and process.

I regret that you did not receive the Revised Phase II Report in as timely a manner as desirable. Although our staff made every effort to get the reports in the mail immediately after the release, a computer "glitch" destroyed the mailing list and much of it had to be recreated. By the time this was known, this first round of 1999 meetings were scheduled.

As you know, CALFED has often been in the Delta. There will be other workshops and hearings scheduled in 1999, and I am sure we will be back in the Delta more than once this year.

Again, thank you for your input.

Sincerely,



Lester A. Snow
Executive Director

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The Resources Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board

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