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Dear Ms. Schmidt:

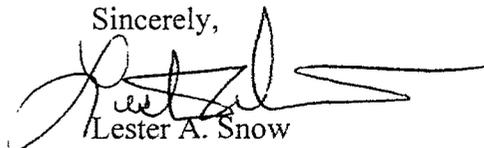
Thank you for your letter of January 8, 1999 regarding the CALFED public workshops scheduled for the month of January.

These workshops are the first of many public meetings to be held in California on the CALFED Program during 1999. The January workshops were scheduled to quickly follow the release of the Revised Phase II Report, to meet people's need for information about the preferred alternative as quickly as possible and to provide input to CALFED from the public. In choosing these communities we took into account other concurrent meetings, where we have been most recently, and where we plan to be later in the year.

Since CALFED's inception, we have been in the Los Angeles area many times. We expect to have many other public meetings this year, in as many communities as possible, including Los Angeles. These January meetings are only the first opportunity for the public to ask questions about the draft preferred alternative; there will be many others, including a formal public comment period in late spring-early summer, following the release of the revised programmatic environmental impact state/environmental impact report.

In addition to CALFED-sponsored meetings and workshops, CALFED staff was in Southern California, particularly Los Angeles, many times in the last months of 1998, briefing various stakeholder groups. We will continue to accept as many requests for briefings as we are able to staff.

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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Environmental Protection Agency  
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