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Attn: Lester Snow  
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RE: In Support of Position of Bay Delta:

To protect the low salinity levels and guarantee reliable water supplies, for Southern California.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Universal City-North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and our Metropolitan Water District representative have engaged in many discussions regarding the above-referenced situation. We agree that the Bay Delta is the single most important economic resource in the entire state, and as such, we need to develop long-term solutions to the ecosystem and water supply challenges we face currently in and in the future.

The following program would allow the objectives and interests of the residents, businesses and Metropolitan Water District to be realized and protected:

1. Public Health Protection When source water containing totally organic carbon and bromide is treated, disinfecting by-products are formed; some of these are suspected carcinogens and have been linked to miscarriages. A safe supply of drinking water is essential to meet current and future regulatory requirements and to protect public health.
2. Low Salinity Levels Each year about 600,000 tons of salt accumulates in Southern California, which greatly jeopardizes the region's ability to implement existing and new local water management programs. This costs rate payers many millions of dollars to mitigate. Water from the Bay Delta must be consistently low in salinity in order to implement local water recycling and groundwater programs and to minimize economic impacts on residential and industrial users.

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3. Reliable Supplies By 2020, California's population is projected to grow almost 50 percent, to more than 47 million people. Over the past decade, Southern California has invested hundreds of millions of dollars (more than any other region in the U.S.) on conservation and recycling programs to reduce its dependence on imported supplies. To continue its conservation efforts and meet future demands, the Southland must have protection for its existing supplies. It is imperative that there be access to wet year supplies in order to reduce reliance on Delta supplies during the dry years when the impact on fisheries and ecosystem are most severe.

Therefore the Universal City-North Hollywood Chamber of Commerce calls on CALFED to lower salinity levels for waters imported into Southern California and as importantly, to protect existing Southern California water reserves.

Respectfully yours,



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cc: US Senator Barbara Boxer  
US Senator Dianne Feinstein  
State Senator Richard Alarcon  
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