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CalFed Bay-Delta Program
1416 9th Street, Suite 1155
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Dear Sir:

I've received your invitation for ecosystem restoration programs and projects to improve the health of the Bay-Delta.

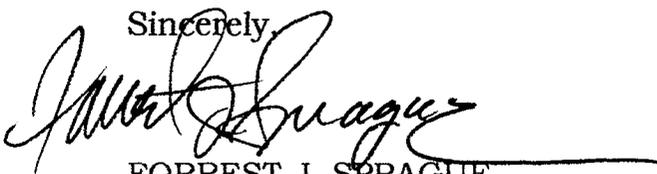
The invitation says that your objective is "...to solicit and fund actions that implement the Ecosystem Restoration Program and Strategic Plan."

I have two questions regarding this "invitation."

First, the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan and Strategic Plan for Ecosystem Restoration of the CalFed Bay-Delta Program are still in a "draft" form and therefore subject to changes. Recent conversations with CalFed staff reveal that the Final EIR will not be available before June of this year. Furthermore, after the release of the "final" documents, a comment period will elapse before the Record of Decision can be made. Please explain how any actions for ecosystem restoration and projects can be analyzed, accepted, funded and implemented absent the release of the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Record of Decision?

Second, have any other ecosystem restoration programs and/or projects that meet the objectives of the CalFed Program been funded and implemented in the past? If so, please justify this action without first having a Final EIR and a Certified Record of Decision.

Your prompt response is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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