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Mr. Dick Daniel
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Re: CALFED Environmental Water Program (EWP)

Dear Dick:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Anjanette Martin, Greg Gartrell, Jason Peltier and me prior to the July 19th Ecosystem Roundtable meeting. I support your efforts to develop a coordinated water acquisition program that makes stakeholder involvement, science, and adaptive management the center of EWP implementation. I look forward to working with you as a member of the EWP Steering Committee in this regard.

I appreciated your comments made at the Roundtable meeting that underscored the importance of coordinated modeling for the EWP, Environmental Water Account (EWA), drought contingency program and the CVPIA Water Acquisition Program. As you know, all of these programs, in addition to existing and future agricultural and urban water needs, will place a considerable demand on Northern California water. Given the tremendous sensitivity associated with Northern California water transfers, conclusions reached in the absence of good data will contribute to misunderstanding and political complications, which could negatively affect the success of your program. Again, we support your efforts to coordinate the EWP with other water acquisition programs to develop a clear understanding of water demand and potential sources.

Thank you for including Northern California Water Association on the EWP Steering Committee. My sole concern with the makeup of the Steering Committee is the lack of representation from the waterfowl conservation committee. I support the inclusion of Bill Gaines from the California Waterfowl Association on this committee. Bill is very familiar with CVPIA refuge water provisions and also understands the recent Central Valley Habitat Joint Venture study that addresses water needs for private wetland areas. Bill would be a valuable addition to the Steering Committee.

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I commend you and Jim McKeivitt for proposing a program that further integrates elements of the CVPIA with CALFED. I look forward to working with you further in the coming months.

Sincerely,



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