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Mr. Lester Snow  
Executive Director  
CALFED Bay-Delta Program  
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Subject: Comments on the Phase II Alternative Descriptions

Dear Mr. Snow:

Thank you for the time and opportunity to comment on the draft Alternative Descriptions during the Phase II refinement period. Reclamation staff has reviewed the documents for technical consistency and adequacy, as well as a comprehensive evaluation of the goals and objectives. Reclamation recognizes and appreciates the hard work done by the CALFED Program staff in considering many of the issues raised during the various public and interagency forums.

Enclosed are Reclamation's comments and suggestions that CALFED may find useful in refining the description of the alternatives. While these documents are confined to a presentation of alternatives, Reclamation has used this as an opportunity to identify other issues for consideration as well. With regard to the no action alternative, Reclamation believes that no action is critical to the analysis process. Currently, it appears that there are components to no action not captured in the written presentation. Please provide a briefing for Reclamation that presents all components (projects, policies, and modeling assumptions) of no action.

If you have any questions, or would like clarification regarding Reclamation's comments, please feel free to call me at 979-2476.

Sincerely,

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Regional Environmental Officer

Enclosure

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