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Ms. Mary Nichols, Secretary  
The Resources Agency  
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Re: Interim South Delta Project

Dear Ms. Nichols:

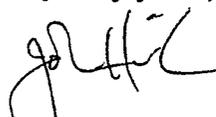
Recently, CALFED has turned its attention to the ongoing negative impacts in the South Delta resulting from the operation of the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project. To this end, a "South Delta Investigation Team" has been instituted to review actions that might be taken to address those adverse impacts. Unfortunately, it appears that rather than review, acknowledge, and endorse the Interim South Delta Project (tidal barriers) which resulted from 15 years of litigation, negotiation, and analysis, the SDIT will most likely present one or more alternatives to this program to the CALFED Policy Group for a decision. Since the Policy Group does not regularly hear public input, we respectfully request that our Agency be able to give comments and input at any Policy Group meeting that hears or considers alternatives developed by the SDIT.

It is my understanding that you will be meeting with Mr. Alex Hildebrand of our Agency in the near future to discuss these issues. We look forward to that opportunity as we strongly believe the only effective alternative that addresses South Delta issues is the Tidal Barrier Program. Thank you for your consideration.

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Please call me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



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