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Amount of funding requested: ^{102,500} ~~\$51,250~~ for 2 years

Indicate the Topic for which you are applying (check only one box).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Passage/Fish Screens | <input type="checkbox"/> Introduced Species |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat Restoration | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Management/Hatchery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local Watershed Stewardship | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environmental Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality | |

Does the proposal address a specified Focused Action? X yes no

What county or counties is the project located in? All counties on the San Joaquin Valley.

Indicate the geographic area of your proposal (check only one box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento River Mainstem | <input type="checkbox"/> East Side Trib: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sacramento Trib: | <input type="checkbox"/> Suisun Marsh and Bay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Mainstem | <input type="checkbox"/> North Bay/South Bay: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin Trib: | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape (entire Bay-Delta watershed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley</u> |

Indicate the primary species which the proposal addresses (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin and East-side Delta tributaries fall-run chinook salmon | <input type="checkbox"/> Spring-run chinook salmon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Winter-run chinook salmon | <input type="checkbox"/> Fall-run chinook salmon |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late-fall run chinook salmon | <input type="checkbox"/> Longfin smelt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta smelt | <input type="checkbox"/> Steelhead trout |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Splittail | <input type="checkbox"/> Striped bass |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green sturgeon | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All chinook species |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Migratory birds | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All anadromous salmonids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

Specify, the ERP strategic objective and target (s) that the project addresses. Include page numbers from January 1999 version of ERP Volume I and II. The program will address the following ERP, Volume I: Dams and Structures: Goal 2, Objectives 4 and 5 (p. 432-433), Gravel Mining: Goal 2, Objective 7 (p. 449), Invasive Riparian Plants: Goal 5, Objectives 6 and 9 (p. 478), Non-Native Wildlife: Goal 5, Objectives 8 and 9 (p. 488), Contaminants: Strategic Plan Goal 6, Objectives 1 and 2 (p. 506)

Indicate the type of applicant (check only one box):

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Federal agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public/Non-profit joint venture | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Local government/district | <input type="checkbox"/> Private party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> University | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: |

Indicate the type of project (check only one box):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Research | |

By signing below, the applicant declares the following:

- 1.) The truthfulness of all representations in their proposal;
- 2.) The individual signing the form is entitled to submit the application on behalf of the applicant (if the applicant is an entity or organization); and
- 3.) The person submitting the application has read and understood the conflict of interest and confidentiality discussion in the PSP (Section 2.4) and waives any and all rights to privacy and confidentiality of the proposal on behalf of the applicant, to the extent as provided in the Section.

Kevin J. Faulkenberry
Program Manager, SJRMP
Printed name of applicant


Signature of applicant

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM

**REQUEST FOR FUNDING
From
February 1999 Proposal Solicitation Package**

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Submitted By:

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
San Joaquin District**

In Conjunction with

SAN JOAQUIN RIVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Prepared by:

**Kevin Faulkenberry
Associate Engineer W.R.
California Department of Water Resources
San Joaquin District**

I. Title Page

Project Title: San Joaquin River Public Education Program

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Project Manager: Kevin Faulkenberry
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Participants/Collaborators in Implementation:

- San Joaquin River Management Program (SJRMP)
- California Department of Water Resources (CDWR)
- California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG)
- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
- United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)
- United States Bureau of Reclamation (USBR)
- Anadromous Fish Restoration Program
- Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP
- Stewards of the Arroyo Pasajero Watershed CRMP
- California Natural Resources Foundation

II. Executive Summary

Members of SJRMP have identified the need to provide stakeholders with training to understand the San Joaquin River System and its resources in the context of the Bay-Delta Estuary and Ecosystem Restoration Program, and are requesting \$102,500 in CALFED funds to help meet this need .

In recognition of this need, the 1995 San Joaquin River Management Plan identifies public awareness and education programs as priority action items. The Ecosystem Restoration Program Strategic Plan Chapter 6 recognizes the importance of workshops and public meetings that disseminate findings, assimilate new understanding and discuss changes to the program. It is the intention of DWR and SJRMP to pave the way for effective ERP outreach by broadening public and agency understanding of the San Joaquin River watershed.

The SJRMP Action Team is requesting CALFED Ecosystem Restoration funding to offer two training courses to help meet this need: "Working at a Watershed Level" and "Stream Corridor Restoration". These courses are designed to last about one week and serve a variety of watershed groups, agencies and private interests. It is expected that enrollment for both of these courses would be around 70, with 30 participants being given scholarships. These courses were developed by a host of Federal agencies and others to:

- improve consistency in watershed management, planning and restoration

- provide fresh perspectives
- facilitate cross-agency training
- foster better working relationship between diverse agencies and interest groups
- improve cooperation and coordination

Due to the general nature of these courses and the SJRMP goal of a comprehensive educational program, it is likely that they will address all of the stressors, strategic objectives, and targets listed in the February 1999 version of the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP). Some of the major stressors in the San Joaquin System include:

- dams and other structures
- gravel mining
- invasive exotic riparian plants
- non-native wildlife
- predation and competition
- contaminants

(especially sediment, salt, boron, selenium, nutrients, pesticides)

These stressors will be discussed in both training courses.

The sponsoring parties have all realized the importance of continued education. These groups and local interests have all agreed to contribute to and support these courses.

III. Project Description

This proposal will provide funding for two week-long training classes, to be held in the San Joaquin Valley of California. Members of SJRMP have identified the need to provide stakeholders with training in the San Joaquin System and its resources so they can effectively work with the Ecosystem Restoration Program and CALFED management entity. In response to this need, the San Joaquin River Management Plan identified public awareness and education programs as priority action items. The SJRMP Action Team has chosen two training courses to help meet this need: "Working at a Watershed Level" and "Stream Corridor Restoration", and is requesting a \$102,500 CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Grant to fund them. These courses were developed by a host of Federal agencies and others to:

- improve consistency in watershed management, planning and restoration
- provide a fresh perspective
- facilitate cross-agency training
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"Working at the Watershed Level" is an introductory-level basic training program for watershed group coordinators and members, resource conservation districts, agency staff, consultants and others addressing watershed issues in San Joaquin Valley watersheds. All of these parties are considering or are currently working on land management concerns at a watershed level but may not have the tools necessary to do this effectively. "Working at a Watershed Level" will not only provide them with information, it will allow them to network with other watershed groups working in the San Joaquin Valley, exchange information, and learn from each other, helping all to become more efficient.

The course will encourage participants to:

- seek to identify and use natural processes in restoration planning
- use science-based analysis
- emphasize connection between physical processes and stressors
- understand change is constant and flexibility is essential
- welcome partnerships and public involvement
- balance costs and benefits
- plan for sustainability

During the week long course, instructors will define elements within a stream corridor, physical processes that create it, resource assessment and analysis, planning methods, restoration and management approaches, public involvement strategies and outreach program development. The class work will be supplemented by various field trips which will tour and discuss current restoration activities on the San Joaquin River System. Lead instructors for the Chico, California course included Barry Tanning from The Council of State Governments, Dr. Robert Naiman from the University of Washington, Matt

Kondolf from University of California at Berkeley, Dr. Paul Maslin from the California State University at Chico, Sherry Teresa from the Center for Natural Lands Management, Vicki Watson from the University of Montana, and Paul Ward from the California Department of Fish and Game. Some or all of the same speakers will be used in these courses, keeping in mind that the focus of this course is on the San Joaquin River. A copy of the agenda of the January 1999 course is included.

The second course "Stream Corridor Restoration" emphasizes restoration principles, processes and practices. Objectives of the Course are for the training participants to be able to:

- Describe the basic characteristics of a stream corridor, the processes that shape it, and natural and human-induced disturbances that can influence its condition.
- Characterize and analyze stream corridor condition.
- Explain the importance of planning and summarize key steps in forming restoration plans.
- Describe design approaches to restore stream corridor functions, at the project scope, and provide site-specific examples of restoration.
- Describe the general process for implementing stream corridor restoration activities, noting important considerations in each stage of the process.
- Detail the basic elements of a monitoring approach that will document baseline conditions, evaluate effectiveness of restoration measures, and guide future restoration activities.
- Describe how they will apply the main principals of the restoration framework on the job, and will be able to self-evaluate their relative level of understanding of these materials.
- Explain the contribution the stream restoration effort will make to the comprehensive restoration of the Bay-Delta Estuary

During this second week long course, instructors will give a brief overview of elements within a stream corridor, physical processes that create it, assessment and analysis, planning methodologies, and will focus on the practices of watershed restoration/management. Like the previous course, instruction will be highlighted by various field trips which will tour and discuss current stream corridor restoration activities on the San Joaquin system. Instructors for the course have yet to be chosen but, like "Working at a Watershed Level", they will be chosen to focus on the San Joaquin.

It is expected that enrollment for both of these courses will be around 70 with 30 participants being given scholarships.

Location and/or Geographic Boundaries of Project:

The proposed courses are planned to cover material and information pertinent to

the San Joaquin River System. Improved local stewardship in the San Joaquin River System will benefit the entire bay/delta ecosystem. Courses will be held in the San Joaquin Valley.

IV. Ecological/Biological Benefits:

Ecological/Biological Objectives:

The ecological/biological objectives of this program are to

- increase participant awareness of stressors in the San Joaquin River System
- increase participant awareness of methods for reducing these stressors
- *increase coordination of local resource management efforts in the San Joaquin Valley*
- over the long term, decrease stressors in the San Joaquin River System and Bay/Delta Ecosystem

Courses similar to the two included in the San Joaquin Public Education Program have been offered successfully in other locations. The "Working at the Watershed Level" course offered in Chico exceeded expectations and had a waiting list of 40 people, which they were unable to accommodate. SJRMP plans to use virtually these same formats, with modifications to address specific issues in the San Joaquin River system. *This program will be self-sustaining in that attendees will take the information they learned at these courses and apply it to watersheds throughout the San Joaquin Valley. From their example, others will see the results of these courses and learn from them.*

Linkages:

As mentioned previously, the two courses to be offered in the San Joaquin Public Education program have been offered successfully in other locations, including Chico and Monterey. In addition, several projects partially funded by CALFED are located in the San Joaquin River System. These courses will increase public awareness and support these projects, through examples offered in the classroom or field trips to project sites.

This program will address the following ERPP, Volume I, strategic objectives and targets:

- Dams and Structures: Strategic Plan Goal 2, Objectives 4 and 5 (p. 432-433)
- Gravel Mining: Strategic Plan Goal 2, Objective 7 (p. 449)
- Invasive Riparian Plants: Strategic Plan Goal 5, Objectives 6 and 9 (p. 478)
- Non-Native Wildlife: Strategic Plan Goal 5, Objectives 8 and 9 (p. 488)
- Contaminants: Selenium and other contaminants of special concern in the San Joaquin segment of the watershed and estuarine complex: Strategic Plan Goal 6, Objectives 1 and 2 (p. 506)

System-Wide Ecosystem Benefits:

The benefits of the San Joaquin Public Education Program are broad.

Watershed group coordinators and members, resource conservation district staff, agency staff, consultants and others will take the information they obtain from these courses and apply it in their own watershed restoration activities. They will influence other watersheds throughout California through their umbrella organizations, such as California Association of Resource Conservation Districts, California Coordinated Resource Management and Planning, and other Regional Board staff members. They can share or exchange information, experiences and resources to improve the effectiveness of their projects.

Compatibility with Non-Ecosystem Objectives:

This Education Program is compatible with several non-ecosystem objectives. Broadly shared understanding of physical and biological processes makes possible better water supply planning, more reliable and economical water quality protection and greater levee system integrity. It sets the stage for more fruitful public involvement and better information management, and facilitates dispute resolution by enabling common understanding among stakeholders. The success of workshops like these has been indicated by the diversity of attendees.

Participants will learn to understand and manage a variety of stressors in the workshops. For example, CALFED's Watershed Program Plan emphasizes the need for local watershed planning and implementation. These courses provide the tools to meet this need, addressing at the same time the primary objectives of the Watershed Program.

In addition to the Watershed Program Objectives, the San Joaquin Education Program achieves the goals and objectives of the Water Quality Program. In Chapter 8 of the Revised Draft Water Quality Program Plan (January 1999), the San Joaquin River and its tributaries are specifically identified as major sources of selenium. By addressing this as a major problem in the San Joaquin River System and offering the tools to find local solutions to that problem, these courses meet the objectives of the Water Quality Program.

V. Monitoring and Data Collection Methodology

The success of these courses will be monitored both quantitatively and qualitatively. Attendance lists, and waiting lists if applicable, will quantitatively measure the interest for this class and the feasibility of future classes in the San Joaquin Valley. Class participants and presenters will complete exit surveys. These surveys will be analyzed by the Education Team Members and used to improve subsequent classes. The Department of Water Resources Training Office has considerable experience preparing courses for staff development, including support systems for course evaluation and improvement.

VI. Local Involvement

San Joaquin River Management Program, Department of Water Resources, Department of Fish and Game, Natural Resources Conservation Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Friant Water Users Authority, San Joaquin River Riparian Habitat Program, United States Bureau of Reclamation, Panoche/Silver Creek CRMP and Arroyo Pasajero CRMP and California Natural Resources Foundation have all realized the importance of continued education. These groups and local interests have all agreed to contribute to and support these courses.

VII. Cost

Budget:

Budget for the course was developed from the actual incurred costs in the CSU Chico version of "Working at a Watershed Level". These costs appeared to be reasonable and were used to estimate costs for the next course. There needs to be some flexibility to allow for differences in speaker fees and location.

Total Budget:

Class	Direct Labor hours	Direct Salary and Benefits	Overhead labor (General Admin. And fee)	Service Contracts	Material and Acquisition Contracts	Misc. and Other Direct Costs	Total Cost
Class 1				\$51,250			\$51,250
Class 2				\$51,250			\$51,250
Total				\$102,500			\$102,500

Quarterly Budget:

Class	Budget Apr-Jun 00	Budget Jul-Sep 00	Budget Oct-Dec 00	Budget Jan-Mar 01	Budget Apr-Jun 01	Budget Jul-Sep 01	Budget Oct-Dec 01	Budget Jan-Mar 02	Total Budget
Class 1	\$1,750	\$2,500	\$13,000	\$34,000					\$51,250
Class 2					\$1,750	\$2,500	\$13,000	\$34,000	\$51,250
Total	\$1,750	\$2,500	\$13,000	\$34,000	\$1,750	\$2,500	\$13,000	\$34,000	\$102,500

Schedule:

Tasks		Expected completion date
1	determine location of course, decide on date of course	April 15, 1999
2	Identify speakers/agenda	May 1, 1999
3	Promotion of course	November 1, 1999
4	Planning of services (food, buses, copies, etc.)	November 1, 1999
5	Contracts with course facilitator/contracts with speakers	November 15, 1999
7	Completion of Course 1. "Working at a Watershed Level" is held.	First or Second Quarter of 2001
8	Determine location of course, decide on date of course	March 15, 2000
9	Identify speakers/agenda	May 1, 2000
10	promotion of course	November 1, 2000
11	Planning of services (food, buses, copies, etc.)	November 1, 2000
12	contracts with course facilitator/contracts with speakers	November 15, 2000
13	" Completion of Course 2. "Stream Corridor Restoration" is held.	First or Second Quarter of 2002

VIII. Applicant Qualifications

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Curriculum Vitae

Wetlands Coordinator for the Department of Water Resources since April 1997. Technical training in chemistry, biological sciences, hydrology and wildlife ecology. Employment in the chemical industry, non-profits, academia, local government and several State natural resource management and regulatory agencies. Recent accomplishments include coordinating the Department of Water Resources' Urban Streams Restoration Program and working as relief supervisor of the Flood Information Center during the January 1997 floods. Responsible for selecting and administering grant contracts leading to completion of 160 stream restoration projects statewide. Employed as a Recreation and Wildlife Resources Advisor in Environmental Services Office. Chairs the San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team Water Quality Subcommittee. Co-instructs the DWR training classes "Employee Environmental Liability" and "Environmental Awareness."

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Curriculum Vitae

Program Manager of San Joaquin River Management Program since 1998. Program Manager of the San Joaquin District's River Management Section since 1996. Received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and Survey Engineering in 1990. Responsible for planning, designing, constructing, monitoring and maintaining over 20 river habitat enhancement projects on the San Joaquin River system. Currently I am working on a 3.5 mile reach of the Merced River known as the Robinson/Gallo Project. Actively assisting with the ACOE Comprehensive Study of the San Joaquin River in the areas of public outreach, hydraulic modeling and collection of GIS information.

VIII. Applicant Qualifications (continued)

Dale K. Hoffman-Floerke
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Curriculum Vitae

Chief of Environmental Compliance and Evaluations Branch since 1997. Direct the activities of 12 full-time environmental specialists responsible for permitting, CEQA and NEPA compliance, and sensitive animal and plant species surveys for projects and activities in the Department, as well as wetlands coordination and cultural resource management. Technical background includes fisheries and water quality, watershed management, as well as Threatened and Endangered species in the Central Valley. Serve as the Chair of the San Joaquin River Management Program Action Team since 1990 and currently interim Chair of the Advisory Council. The Department's representative on the California Biodiversity Council and served on several technical review committees for allocation of grant funding for watershed management proposals.

Figure 1. Itemized Budget Detail

TASK 1: "Working at a Watershed Level"

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Contrib.</u>	<u>In-Kind</u>
1. Speaker Fees, travel & per diem	\$15,000		
2. Planning and Administration	\$13,000		
3. On-Site Administration	\$ 4,000		
4. Course materials	\$ 5,000		
5. Miscellaneous	\$ 6,000		
6. Promotional Materials	\$ 3,000		
7. Indirect Costs	\$ 9,000		
8. Dinner and reception	\$ 2,500		
9. Scholarships (\$300 x 30)	\$ 0		
10. Contingency 10%	\$ 5,750		
11. Workshop Fee (\$300 x 40)		\$ 12,000	
12. San Joaquin River Management Program			\$ 20,000
13. US Fish and Wildlife Service		\$?	\$?
14. Department of Fish and Game			\$ 10,000
15. CALFED		\$ 51,250	
Total	\$ 63,250	\$ 63,250	\$ 30,000

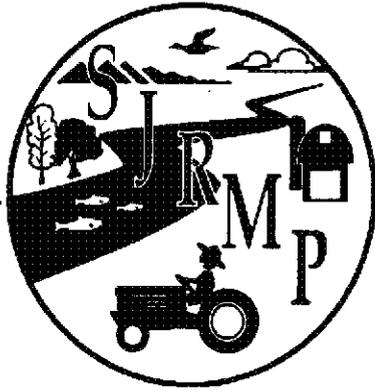
TASK 2: "Stream Corridor Restoration"

<u>Budget Item</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Contrib.</u>	<u>In-Kind</u>
1. Speaker Fees, travel & per diem	\$15,000		
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15. CALFED		\$ 51,250	
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Description of Budget Items:

1. Speaker fees, speaker/staff travel and per diem for invited speakers are included. It is estimated that we will use the same five speakers and three case study presenters that were used in Chico. This line item also covers honoraria, travel/per-diem, and related costs as well as travel/per-diem for two staff people on-site during the training week.
2. On-site administration covers two people on-site for 5.5 ten-hour days during the course to handle registrations, facilitate sessions and break-outs, conduct sessions, and deal with on-site administrative or managerial issues.
3. Course Materials covers notebooks, case studies, materials and copies. Includes course notebook development, printing and shipping. Also covers copying speaker handouts and producing slides and other materials.
4. Miscellaneous covers the cost of bus rental for the field trips, drinks and refreshments during breaks, renting audio-visual equipment (if necessary), and other miscellaneous items.
5. Promotional materials includes the postage for mailing promotional brochures, time spent in advertising the course on web sites and newsletters, and other miscellaneous promotional expenses.
6. Indirect costs cover the established indirect cost (overhead) for the project.
7. Dinner and Reception constitute a dinner on the second evening of the course as well as a reception on the first night.
8. Scholarships are used to insure that interested parties (RCDs, CRMPs, etc.) that would not be able to afford the course fee could attend the course.
9. Contingency will be used to cover any increase in costs over estimates. Speakers are expected to be different in this course and more expensive.
10. Workshop Fee will be used to offset some of the costs and is estimated from experience at other sites to be around \$300 per person.
11. San Joaquin River Management Program is expected to be the main sponsor of the course and provide up to \$20,000 in in-kind services.
12. US Fish and Wildlife Service (AFRP) level of participation has yet to be determined but, it has been indicated that they do support the courses.
13. Department of Fish and Game is also expected to sponsor the course and provide \$10,000 in in-kind services
14. CALFED will provide the funding for the courses and provide \$51,250.

LETTERS OF NOTIFICATION
TO THE
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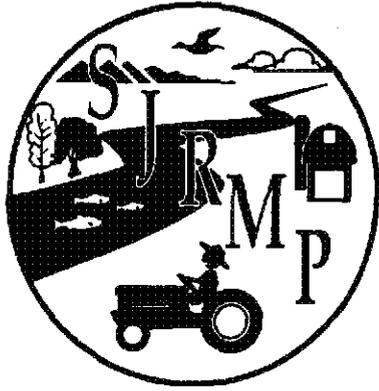
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Sharon Levy, Chair
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Ms. Levy

This letter is to inform you of the intent of the San Joaquin River Management (SJRMP) to submit an application for a CALFED Environmental Education Grant. The money from the grant will be used to further watershed education and restoration on the San Joaquin River System. Courses are planned to be held in the first quarter of the years 2000 and 2001. If you would like more information please call me at (559)230-3320.

Kevin Faulkenberry, Program Manager
San Joaquin River Management Program



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Mr. King

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LETTERS
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THE WILDLIFE SOCIETY
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April 12, 1999

Kevin Faulkenberry
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Dear Mr. Faulkenberry,

This letter is written in support of the CALFED Grant proposal "San Joaquin River Public Education Program", to be submitted by the California Department of Water Resources on behalf of a number of organizations. Funding from Calfed would be used to hold workshops throughout the San Joaquin Valley, focusing on San Joaquin River Basin issues.

These workshops would be modeled after "Working at a Watershed Level", planned for February 2000 at California State University, Stanislaus, in Turlock, California. A diverse group of SJRMP participants is actively planning this educational opportunity. Financial support to reach other entities and geographic areas of the San Joaquin Valley is critical.

The San Joaquin Valley Chapter of the Wildlife Society makes every effort to provide educational opportunities to wildlife professionals throughout the San Joaquin Valley of California. We believe the workshops listed in this CALFED Proposal can provide significant, measurable benefits to the San Joaquin Valley and the Bay/Delta ecosystem and fully support the use of CALFED funds for this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Cypher".

Brian Cypher, President

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Mr. Kevin Faulkenberry, Program Manager
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Dear Mr. Faulkenberry:

This letter is written to support the CALFED Grant request for funding several Watershed workshops in the San Joaquin Valley being submitted by DWR on behalf of a number of organizations. The South Delta Water Agency has been an active participant in the San Joaquin River Management Program Plan and fully supports the SJRMP Final Plan. In that Plan, over 80 actions were identified that could improve current conditions in the San Joaquin River Basin. Many of these actions, if developed into projects, are consistent with the CALFED Solution Principles and objectives of the CALFED Ecosystem Restoration Program

Implementation of the SJRMP actions has been limited and slow. One of the factors limiting the implementation is a lack of understanding of the resource needs, benefits, techniques, and opportunities for restoration of this part of the Central Valley ecosystem in a manner that is compatible with addressing problems of water supply, water quality, and flood protection. Additionally, the lack of development of priority actions into detailed project description, plans, and budgets and to educate prospective participants of the various project benefits has also hindered implementation

Funding from this grant would be used to hold several workshops in the San Joaquin Valley, focused on San Joaquin River Basin issues, called "Working at a Watershed Level." These workshops would be modeled after a proposed workshop planned for February, 2000 in Turlock. A diverse group of SJRMP participants is actively planning this educational opportunity. Financial support to reach other entities and geographic areas of the San Joaquin Valley to make this as successful as possible is critical. Educating individual stakeholders as well as local agency representatives will help to open the public process of consensus to select

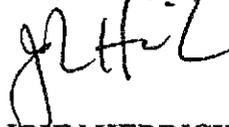
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and support priority actions for project development and implementation in the San Joaquin Valley.

We believe the tasks in this CALFED Proposal can provide significant measurable benefits in the San Joaquin Valley in implementing the CALFED Bay-Delta Program in a balanced manner and fully support funding the use of CALFED funds for this effort.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



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