



March 30, 2004

Mr. Jeremy Arrich
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Dear Mr. Arrich:

Re: Comments on Draft In-Delta Storage Program State Feasibility Study

We have reviewed the draft ISI feasibility report for the In-Delta Storage Program. You have asked that stakeholders submit their views with regard to going forward with this program. We have been supportive of the Delta Wetlands Project and continue to support this project because it appears to be an environmentally friendly way of developing a new source of water for California.

The report acknowledges an incomplete economic analysis. In our view it is very important that the economics of this project, other surface water storage projects and, for that matter, all projects within the CALFED program be analyzed in a manner that is as consistent as possible.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Thomas, President
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cc: Mr. Patrick Wright, California Bay-Delta Authority
Bay-Delta Public Advisory Committee
Mr. Don Skopec, Office of the Governor
Mr. Dennis Albiani, Office of the Governor
California State Senate Agriculture and Water Committee
California State Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee
The Honorable Barbara Boxer, United States Senate
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, United States Senate
The Honorable Richard Pombo, U.S. House of Representatives