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Dear Tribal Leader:

The CALFED Policy Group will hold its first meeting since signing the Record of Decision on December 13, 2000, at the Sacramento Convention Center, 1400 J Street, Room 103 and 104, Sacramento, California. The meeting is scheduled from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

As you know, the CALFED Policy Group is the interim governing body for the CALFED Program until and unless a long-term governing structure is established for the CALFED Program by legislation. The membership of the Policy Group currently consists of 16 federal and state agencies which are non-voting members, and is chaired by the Deputy Secretary of the Interior and the California Secretary of Resources. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which is Attachment 3 to the Record of Decision dated August 28, 2000. (The Implementation MOU is available at <http://calfed.ca.gov/>)

The Policy Group meetings are open to the public, and all Tribal representatives are encouraged to attend. We understand that the Tribes may have concerns about representation on the CALFED Policy Group itself and with the Program in general, and we are open to continuing that dialogue with you. While we work together on a long-term governing structure, and consistent with our commitment in the MOU, we invite a Tribal representative to attend and participate in meetings of the Policy Group as a contributing member.

We recognize that it may be difficult for the Tribes to collectively identify an appropriate representative on short notice. However, we wish to extend this invitation for this and future meetings in anticipation of continued enhanced Tribal participation in the CALFED Program. We look forward to your attendance on December 13th.

David J. Hayes
Deputy Secretary of
the Interior

Sincerely,

Mary D. Nichols
Secretary, California
Resources Agency

Confirms

The Resource Agency
Department of Fish and Game
Department of Water Resources
The Reclamation Board
California Environmental Protection Agency
State Water Resources Control Board
Department of Food and Agriculture
Delta Protection Commission

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Environmental Protection Agency
Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Geological Survey
Bureau of Land Management
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture
Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. Forest Service
Department of Commerce
National Marine Fisheries Service
Western Area Power Administration