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Dear Executive Director Snow:

Bay Area Citizens for Creek Restoration is a member organization that focuses on riparian habitat restoration advocacy, education, and coordination throughout the Bay Area. Please enter these comments into the formal record for your Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement. An effective CALFED needs so as to make equitable choices for balancing the competing needs of its stakeholders that doesn't continue to sacrifice the environment as or water policy has over the past 100 years: the Bay and Delta have been brought to the brink of ecologogical collapse by the significant overdrafting and polluting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Watersheds. Any solution must guarantee minimum flows through the Delta and into the Bay to help stabilize the estuary for water quality improvement, flushing, and habitat restoration purposes. CALFED is currently silent on these and should rectify this in the final recommendations.

The Bay/Delta program must also be revised to:

- restore rivers, bays, and fisheries connected with the Delta by providing firm guarantees of more fresh water flows to the San Francisco Bay and estuary and by caring for the land around our streams and rivers;
- not commit to building any new or expanded dams, reservoirs, or canals during CALFED's "Stage 1" (the first seven years of the program);
- improve water quality for people and wildlife by preventing pollution at the source;
- increase serious investments in water conservation and efficiency, groundwater management, pollution prevention, and drinking water treatment;
- not make taxpayers subsidize new or expanded dams, reservoirs, or canals.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely Yours,

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Founder