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Thomas R. Howard, Chief  
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State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 2000  
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VIA FAX AND MAIL

Re: Monitoring Program, Draft WQCB

Dear Mr. Howard:

We have become aware of a number of proposed revisions to the monitoring program segment of the December 1994 Draft Water Quality Control plan for the Bay-Delta estuary. We are particularly concerned over the lack of proper formulation of the most critical management questions that need to eventually be answered by the Special Studies element of that program.

We strongly recommend that the final Plan should specify the following long-term objectives for the special studies program:

- (1) understanding the ecological responses of species of special concern to water project operation and design, with a view towards maximizing the predictability and sufficiency of water supplies while minimizing adverse impacts on these species.
- (2) increasing our understanding of the large-scale characteristics and functions of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River/Delta Estuary ecosystem, to better predict system-wide responses to management options.

Please contact me at 415 721 7680 if you have any questions concerning these comments.

Sincerely,



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