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Patrick Wright, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Wright:

The Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum welcomes the opportunity to comment regarding the proposed funding recommendations for the 2002 CALFED Bay-Delta Program Ecosystem Restoration Program (ERP). As we indicated in our letter dated October 28th, 2002, we were not able to complete our technical review and public input process on the two Directed Action proposals (TNC- #167 & #171) that had been given extended time to re-write. We understand that The Nature Conservancy met with commenting entities and revised parts of the proposals. At our December 3rd, 2002 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting, both of the proposals were presented for discussion and comment. We also reminded the TAC, the Forum, and other interested individuals through our Newsletter that these CALFED proposals are available on your website.

**1. Proposal # 167, "Implementing a Collaborative Approach to Quantifying Ecosystem Flow Regime Needs for the Sacramento River"**

**Project Proponent: The Nature Conservancy**

Activity: Develop ecological information that can inform other processes that are evaluating large-scale water management issues; RM 144-243, Tehama, Glenn, Butte, Colusa Counties; Start 2003--complete 2006.

Discussion: Water transfers, off-stream storage, and flood management would benefit from the information generated by this proposal. Has had review with several groups: NCWA, GCID, CALFED, Corps of Eng., DWR, and USF&WS.

Proposal #167 was discussed at the December 3rd, 2002 TAC meeting and determined to be consistent with the principles and guidelines of the Handbook.

## 2. Proposal # 171: "Sacramento River Restoration, **Chico** Landing Sub-Reach"

Project Proponent: **The Nature Conservancy**

Activity: Restore 1056 acres of riparian habitat between RM 178-206, Butte/Glenn Counties; Start 2003 - complete 2006.

Discussion: This proposal would carry out the specific restoration plans generated through the Chico Landing Sub-reach planning and Hamilton City Hydraulic modeling processes. An Environmental Assessment was completed with a finding of "No Significant Impact". Adjoining landowners have been notified, and federal, state and local agencies were consulted through various public forums. The restoration would occur on lands currently owned by TNC.

Proposal # 171 was discussed at the December 3rd, 2002 TAC meeting and determined to be consistent with the principles and guidelines of the Handbook.

Both of these proposals were presented to the January 16, 2003, Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum Board of Directors meeting and found to be consistent with the principles and guidelines of the Handbook.

The SRCA Forum offers our services in helping provide further input as these projects develop. We look forward to working with you as you integrate regional and locally lead implementation of the CALFED Record of Decision. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Burt Bundy, Manager of the SRCAF, at (530) 528-7411 (email: [bundy@water.ca.gov](mailto:bundy@water.ca.gov)).

Sincerely,

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