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Dan Ray
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RE: York Creek Dam, City of St. Helena

Dear Mr. Ray:

I am writing on behalf of my hometown, the City of St. Helena, who applied for funding from the California Federal Bay-Delta Program (CALFED) to assist with the removal of York Creek Dam.

York Creek Dam was built at the turn of the century to provide water to residents of St. Helena and for irrigation. Having not been in use since the mid-80's, the dam is now a barrier for the migration of endangered steelhead and presents a threat to downstream siltation. The City of St. Helena has for the past decade met with little success in their attempts to secure funding for the removal of the dam. I have requested federal funding in FY 2003 but please know I am concerned about its approval due to the demands of our nations military and homeland security.

It came to my attention that the application submitted by the City of St. Helena was "knocked out" of the list for funding for not being in the CALFED priority area. Given the fact that this application met all CALFED objectives, I would appreciate it if you would initiate a complete review of the City's application and advise me accordingly.

The need for funding this dam's removal is urgent and I am hopeful our efforts in Washington or your reconsideration might prove successful.

Thank you for your consideration of my request. If I may answer any questions regarding this important CALFED funding request, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Thompson".

MIKE THOMPSON
Member of Congress
1st District of California

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CC: Myke Praul, City of St. Helena