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Dear Mike and Lester:

Congratulations to you on the recent letter from Governor Schwarzenegger to legislative leaders. It addresses many issues dealing with California's water supply and the Delta ecosystem. The letter shows the Governor's desire for a comprehensive approach to these problems, which is very much in line with our thinking.

We are busily working to produce our Strategic Plan by October of this year. The recent letter, and the apparent intent of the Administration to move on near-term actions, is very encouraging. However, we need a solid understanding of what those near-term actions might be, in order to write a coherent Strategic Plan.

When I spoke to Lester late last week, after release of the Governor's letter, I asked if there was a reason that near-term improvements in the Delta water conveyance system, and Delta ecosystem improvements did not appear in the communication. Lester assured me that action on both these points was part of the Governor's plan. Lester agreed I should advise the Task Force of this fact and I did so at the start of Friday's meeting.

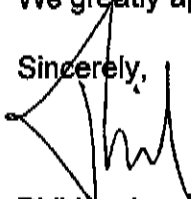
The Task Force would very much like to hear more details about the items in the Governor's letter. Specifically, we would like to hear about your intentions with regard to the following:

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- **Near Term action for Delta ecosystem improvement.** This was our recommendation # 6, and is a key component of any comprehensive approach to the Delta.
- **Near Term action for improvements in the current conveyance and groundwater and surface water storage systems of the state.** This was another of our recommendations.
- **Conservation and water use efficiency.** We would also be very interested in any details about the Governor's call for a 20% reduction in per capita water use by the year 2020, and his call for action by the Water Resources Control Board to protect Delta water quality.

We greatly appreciate the support both of you provide to Delta Vision.

Sincerely,



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