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**Sent:** Wed 9/25/2002 11:56:53 PM
**Subject:** Delta/drinking water policy

Dear Art,

When Walt and others representing drinking water interests met with Wayne, we explained that we had no separate source of funding to support their desire to see RB5 complete its drinking water policy. They can compete for CalFed funds and use a contractor, and give the Board a draft work product to consider, or they can approach the State Board, but our funds go directly to our States and Tribes. EPA was never planning to draft this policy for the State.

If you wish, up to $50K of your grant funds could be redirected to the EPA contractor to develop a draft policy for you and RB5, as a work product. We have never had separate funds to give to the water purveyors; we reminded Walt that the overall lack of funding to support water-quality standards/basin planning investments in the Regional Boards is still a critical issue. Theirs are but one set of many competing demands on the basin planning needs in each Regional Board.

If, after your meeting with Walt, you want EPA's contractor to develop a draft policy using State funds or the State's EPA grant funds, Tom H can so direct us with about $50K. We'll be talking later this week, and I'll be in your offices next Tuesday for the MCC meeting. In short, no major policy change - just plenty of work to do with limited dollars and staff.
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To: Alexis Strauss/R9/USEPA/US@EPA
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Subject: Re: Orange County San District

Alexis, thanks for the heads up. On another matter, Walt Petit and CUWA are coming to meet with me on delta water standards. I understand that it is now EPAs position that it is strictly a State issue and EPA no longer plans to take the lead or direct funds. This appears to be a major shift in policy. Is this accurate?
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