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To Whom it May Concern,

We need an increase in water flowing through the Bay to restore natural habitat critical to not only birds and wildlife, but indeed to our own health as well. This can be achieved through much more aggressive water conservation practices and the limiting of any new developments of any kind where there is not already an abundant existing water supply. CALFED needs to protect the quality of life of Californians by preserving and indeed improving the health of our water systems. In no way should any new dams or expansions of existing dams be allowed. There is no way around the fact that these actions would degrade the Bay-Delta ecosystems.

Agriculture uses over 80% of the state's water supply. A small reduction in the amount of water lost to evaporation, achievable by switching to more efficient technology, can result in significant water savings. Certain organic farming techniques also conserve water. These are examples.

Please invest in more water efficiency and avoid building any new dams or expansions of existing reservoirs.

Sincerely,

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