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Dear Lester Snow,

I am writing you today as I raft down the beautiful American River, this sunny gorgeous day.

Please consider this letter a response to the revised CALFED plan. I strongly oppose CALFED's plan to increase surface water storage in the central valley by raising existing dams or building new offstream storage reservoirs.

Calfed's plan to raise Shasta dam would flood segments of the upper Sacramento & McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed site offstream storage reservoir would require massive water diversions from the Sacramento river.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation & reclamation programs to stretch our existing

water supplies, instead of building new dams & canals. This could be done by switching to higher value & less water consumptive crops & by installing water meters for all agricultural & urban users.

I support CALFED's proposed restoration goals for the Central Valley, including removing some facilities such as Englebright dam, that act as barriers to migrating salmon, acquiring important riparian habitat & increasing instream flows for fish, wildlife & recreation.

We cannot solve these problems by building more dams.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Sincerely,

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