Lester Snow
Executive Director, CALFED

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Dear Mr. Snow:

Please consider this letter a response to the revised CALFED plan.

I 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 and McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed ~~site~~ offstream storage reservoir would require massive water diversions from the Sacramento River.

As an avid whitewater boater, nature watcher, and outdoor enthusiast, I fully understand the damage that CALFED's program could cause the the remaining natural resources in this exceptional state. As an environmental attorney working on behalf of industrial clients, I also understand and appreciate the complex and competing issues behind the struggles for the limited water resources. However, the current CALFED program is not the answer.

Please reconsider the CALFED approach. California needs a better balanced system for pricing and distributing our existing water supply. Enough damage has been done to procure the water we already have. Raise prices for agricultural uses! Raise prices for industrial uses! Please don't destroy what we Californians have left!

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

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