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Dear Lester Snow: 0276

As a concerned taxpayer, I am vehemently opposed to CALFED's plan to increase water storage in the various Central Valley reservoirs. The stretches of river which would be forever lost by such plans have great ecological and recreational value.

Instead, I propose that CALFED expand their water efficiency programs to make better use of the water supplies that we already have. For example, a switch to crops which are less water dependent than

RICE AND COTTON WOULD GO A LONG WAY TOWARDS PROVIDING ADEQUATE WATER SUPPLIES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

PLEASE CONSIDER LESS DAMAGING AND DESTRUCTIVE ALTERNATIVES TO RAISING EXISTING DAMS OR CONSTRUCTING NEW STORAGE RESERVOIRS.

SINCERELY,

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