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Mr. Lester Snow
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1416 Ninth St.
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I am writing to voice my concern about the revised CALFED program. The state of California should focus its resources on creating more sustainable solutions, rather than trying more of what already hasn't worked.

Specifically, I am opposed to any plans to raise existing dams or build new offstream storage reservoirs. CALFED's plan to raise Shasta dam would flood segments of the upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. The proposed offsite storage reservoir would require massive diversions from the Sacramento River.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation and reclamation projects and programs designed to stretch our existing water supplies, rather than building new dams and canals. This could be done by switching to higher value and less water consumptive crops and by installing

water meters for all agricultural and urban use.

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

We cannot solve the ecological problems created by dams & diversions by building more dams and diversions.

Many thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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