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Lester Snow

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Dear Mr. Snow:

I oppose CALFED'S plan to increase water surface storage in the Central Valley by raising existing dams or building new offstream storage reservoirs. CALFED'S plans to raise Shasta dam and build an offstream storage reservoir will flood segments of the upper Sacramento and McCloud Rivers and require massive water diversions from the Sacramento River.

A better approach would be to expand water efficiency, conservation, and reclamation programs to stretch our existing water supplies, instead of 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 users.

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

riparian habitat, and increasing instream flows for fish, wildlife, and recreation.

We cannot solve the ecological problems caused by dams and diversions, by building more dams and diversions.

Sincerely,

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