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Lester Snow
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Dear Sir;

I'm one of those who cares about the health of San Francisco Bay. It is my understanding that Calfed has a plan to restore the estuary but it will not be the solution we want if it fails to save the wildlife habitat and to find economically sound solutions, especially conservation, pollution prevention and right management of ground water and watersheds.

In the 54 years I've lived

in California I have seen much of its precious natural heritage lost and its water problems increase because of mismanagement, poor choices and pressure from those who would exploit it for short term profit. (2)

In Stage 1 of your program (the first 7 years) the building of new dams and reservoirs should be delayed until other projects have been fully funded and carried out to improve water quality and prevent pollution at the source, to promote water conservation and drainage water treatment and to restore the rivers and bays by increased fresh water flows and caring for the lands around the bay and rivers. Thank you for informing the advisory council of these views. Sincerely,

Mary Ross