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Mr. Lester Snow
Executive Director
CALFED Bay-Delta Program
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I am writing to you about my concerns over the plan regarding use of the Bay Delta water supplies that your agency has prepared. Specifically, I strongly object to a plan that would endorse the construction of new dams or the expansion of existing dams on Northern California's watersheds.

I come from a farming background and appreciate the need to plan and provide water for irrigation and other agricultural needs. Nevertheless, the construction of new dams will have a substantial impact on our rivers and streams and creates additional perils to our fish and wildlife. I can not support the construction of new dams until substantially more progress has been achieved in the areas of water conservation and the management of the existing water being sent south.

I urge you and your agency to consider a more balanced plan that emphasizes water conservation and the forces of the free market system to develop alternatives rather than creating more reservoirs to send water south. Please contact me to let me know where you stand on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jim Sterling