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To: Lester Snow, Executive Director CALFED ENTER AS FORMAL COMMENTS RECORD

CALFEDS recommendations are a rehashing of the same old tired water policies that have cost California tax payers billions of dollars in subsidies for corporate agribusiness and damaged our states rivers beyond repair. How could any reasonable person or group recommend more taxpayer funded dams? These non- in stream dams will result in less water because of evaporation and seepage, not more. This water will be moved by electric pumps at huge energy costs to irrigate surplus crops with subsidized water for corporate farms. California tax payers will not stand for more of the same outmoded water policies that only benefit the chosen few. Water should be a free market item with water sold at market costs to all users. This policy is so oblivious that we can only conclude that the entire CALFED process is in the pocket of agribusiness. Will this new proposal benefit the average Californian? Absolutely not. Will the price of urban water drop? No. Will Simplot benefit. Of course. But we sure know who is going to pay for it! Agricultural conservation, fallowing marginal land and a fair nonsubidised price for Ag. Water would be both cost effective and help the environment. Why aren't these alternatives give the consideration that your knee jerk Damn proposals are being given. This ripoff of our states resources is not going to occur!! Its about time that our states biggest water users pay their fair share. Drinking at the public trough for free should be relegated to the past. I pay 300 dollars a year for less than a acer foot, how much does Chevron pay? So tell your corporate handlers that this one isnt going to fly The taxpayers aren't as stupid or naive as they want us to be. Get busy on a FAIR SENSIBLE MARKET DRIVEN water policy and scrap this corporate wish list if you have the stones. •

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