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Dear Mr. Snow,

I am writing this letter to you from the banks of the American River. Today I have witnessed the effect that water control systems such as dams have on the "nature" of the river. I feel that we are about to reach the point where our efforts to manage "nature" will deplect us of the opportunity to use our resources in the future. It is because of this that I strongly oppose CALFED's plan to increase water storage in the Central Valley by raising existing dams or building new off stream reservoirs. I know you have been lobbied on this issue in abundance and I believe you realize what is at stake.

Instead of constructing new

Dams I urge CALFED to 739(2)
expand water efficiency, conservation
and reclamation programs to
stretch our existing water
supplies.

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

Thank you for your
time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Mara Cunningham