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MR. LESTER SNOW
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DEAR MR. SNOW:

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED CALFED PLAN. I OPPOSE CALFED'S PLAN TO INCREASE SURFACE WATER STORAGE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY BY RAISING EXISTING DAMS OR BUILDING OFFSTREAM RESERVOIRS.

I URGE CALFED TO EXPAND WATER EFFICIENCY, CONSERVATION, AND RECLAMATION PROGRAMS INSTEAD OF BUILDING NEW DAMS. I RECOMMEND A FOCUS ON PROGRAMS TO SWITCH TO LESS WATER CONSUMPTIVE CROPS AND TO INSTALL WATER METERS FOR ALL AGRICULTURAL AND RESIDENTIAL USERS.

I SUPPORT CALFED'S PROPOSED RESTORATION GOALS FOR THE CENTRAL VALLEY, INCLUDING REMOVING FACILITIES SUCH AS THE ENGLEBRIGHT DAM, AQUIRING RIPARIAN HABITAT, AND INCREASING INSTREAM FLOWS FOR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATION.

WE CANNOT SOLVE THE ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS THAT DAMS HAVE CAUSED BY BUILDING YET MORE DAMS.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF MY RESPONSE. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

SINCERELY,

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