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Mr. Snow,

I have been a resident of California since 1957 and am very concerned about the consequences of the overdevelopment of California on the environment. I can remember when Laguna Beach was just a small beach community and orange growers gave Orange County its name.

I watched the developers ruin Santa Barbara while I lived there from 1964 to 1990. Now I live in Santa Cruz and am fighting to preserve my community from the avarice beyond greed of developers who want to more than double the population of the Central Coast communities surrounding the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

I am glad to know that CALFED is drafing a plan to restore the environments the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the San Francisco Bay. I hope you will include in the plan economically and environmentally sound solutions such as: conservation; better management of groundwater and watersheds and pollution prevention.

Please don't let CALFED cave in to developer and large agribusiness pressure to build even more dams and reservoirs or a periphery canal paid for, not by those huge economic interests, but by California taxpayers. This is a wonderful opportunity to restore the salmon runs and the Pacific Flyway migratory bird habitats and preserve our state's free-flowing rivers. The San Francisco Bay needs to be revived also.

Please revise the CALFED plan to include a firm committment to not build any new dams, reservoirs or canals during stage 1 of the program until important projects like those listed below are funded and implemented.

- We need to improve California's water quality for its people and wildlife by preventing pollution at the source.

- Please increase investments in in efficient water use and conversation, groundwater storage and management, pollution prevention and drinking water treatment.

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• Restore the rivers, bays, and wildlife habitats by providing guarantees of more fresh water flows and caring for the San Francisco Bay lands and California river deltas and lands.

The damage to Calfornia's environment has been exacerbated by wasteful use of water by agribusinesses in Central California and overdevelopment of our beautiful state. These two processes have made our state less desirable as a tourist destination and California's economy. Please take my thoughts into consideration while you develop the CalFed/ Bay Delta program.

Sincerely

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