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Dear Sirs, 28 August 1999

The preservation of California's remaining wild spaces and rivers is increasingly important in the face of the urbanization and population growth. The American River, which I am sitting besides right now, is an example of such a beautiful place. Today I saw it enjoyed by rafters, fishermen, campers, and of course, wildlife. I urge you to consider policies which represent conservationist, wildlife, and recreational interests as well as agricultural needs.

As the daughter of a grape grower in Northern California, I am aware of the needs of agriculture. However, growers are willing to adapt new practices in order to preserve the land and save costs. I live along Dry Creek in Sonoma County, and have seen the creekbeds silt up and valuable farmland erode as the result of Warm Springs Dam. Growers there have responded by replanting trees and vegetation. Thus it is important to realize that recreational, wildlife, and agricultural →

interests are not necessarily opposed, but need to communicate and work together

I support Calfed's proposed restoration goals for California's Central Valley, including breaching out-dated dams which serve as barriers to migrating salmon.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

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