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Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I write in response to the revised CALFED plan.

I am against CALFED's plan to increase surface water shortage in the Central Valley by raising existing dams or building new offstream storage reservoirs. CALFED's plan to raise Shasta dam would flood parts of the upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed SITES offstream storage reservoir would necessitate massive water diversions from the Sacramento River.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency conservation and reclamation programs to

stretch our existing water supplies, instead of building new dams + canals. This could be completed by switching to higher value + less water consumptive crops + by installing water meters for all agricultural & urban users.

I support CALFED's proposed restoration goals for the Central Valley, including removing some facilities such as the Englebright dam, that act as barriers to migrating salmon, acquiring important riparian habitat + increasing instream flows for fish, wildlife + recreation.

We cannot solve the ecological problems caused by dams + diversions, by building more dams + diversions.

Thank you for your time & consideration. I look forward to hearing your position of this issue.

Sincerely,

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