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Dear Mr. Snow:

As a concerned lifelong resident of California, I find CALFED's PHASE 2 REPORT falls far short of properly balancing the solutions to California's significant water issues !

To consider increasing California's reliance on more dams and reservoirs when they are one of the primary causes of our already degraded river systems, is both further damaging to our fragile ecosystems and too costly. Increased water conservation measures by agriculture and municipal use coupled with more groundwater storage are better tools !

Additionally we need to supply more water for our endangered native fisheries and threatened San Francisco Bay and Delta.

The CALFED Bay/Delta program must be revised to better represent the California taxpayers position on these issues. We do not want to continue to subsidize dams, canals or reservoirs for agribusiness and developers!

We have another opportunity to adopt more environmentally friendly and less costly alternatives for us California taxpayers, lets not blow it!

Sincerely,

Phil Erick

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