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Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I was recently informed of your agency's proposal to construct 12 new dams and water projects. In light of the severe decline of California's native salmon, trout, and steelhead populations, I strongly urge you to reconsider your recommendation.

As a third generation California sportsman, my family and I have witnessed the dramatic decline of our once abundant native population of wild fish. Although the chances of reliving the stories of my grandfather's youth are slim, we should prevent future generations from suffering the same loss.

While all Californians understand that the needs of humans need to be balanced with the needs of animals, your proposed solution appears to benefit only a few Californians (agribusiness) at the expense of California's wild fish. Accordingly, I urge you to consider other solutions to California's need for water: desalinization plants, aquifer storage and recovery, and market prices for agribusiness. With respect to the first alternative, the relative cost may not be so great when compared to the substantial environmental costs associated with dam creation, environmental impact remediation, and eventual salvage.

Once again, I strongly urge you to reconsider your recommendation and would greatly appreciate a letter from you explaining your position on this proposal's impact on California's fisheries.

Sincerely,

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