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Dear Mr. Breitenbach,

Please enter these comments into the formal record for your Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement:

The revised "draft preferred program alternative" relys far too heavily on building new water storage facilities and neglects the savings that would be achieved with water conservation. Why is it that the minute a drought situation disappears we Californians seem to feel no need to conserve water anymore?

If my taxpayer dollars are going to help fund the final CALFED Bay-Delta Program I would prefer to see the focus of the program shift towards increasing investments in water conservation and efficiency; improving water quality for people and wildlife by preventing pollution at the source; and restoring our rivers, bays, and fisheries by providing firm guarantees of more fresh water flows.

I do not want my taxpayer dollars to fund new or expanded dams, reservoirs, or canals when there are other more environmentally and economically sound solutions that could achieve a sustainable water future for California - i.e. conservation, better management of ground water and watersheds, and pollution prevention.

Sincerely,

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