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Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I am writing to submit comments for the formal record for your Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement. I trust my comments can be made part of the record and so request.

Comments: I speak as a California domiciliary with property in several parts of the state, specifically in Butte, Placer, Alameda and Los Angeles Counties. I am currently resident in Japan but intend to return to live in California some time in the next 2 to 5 years. My specific comments are as follows:

The CALFED Bay/Delta Program should be revised in the following respects:

*there should be no commitment to construction of new or expanded dams, reservoirs or canals during Stage 1 (as I understand it, the first 7 years).

*there should be increased investment in water conservation and

*there should be an emphasis on eliminating pollution at the source as a means to improve water quality.

*firm guarantees are needed of more fresh water flows to restore our rivers, bays and fisheries.

*cost-benefit analysis should be applied to any proposals for additional dams, canals or reservoirs. The taxpayers should no longer subsidize such capital works, especially when they harm the environment while encouraging development in parts of the state which lack water by taking that water from other parts of the state.

Thank you for making my comments part of the record in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Richard A. Eastman