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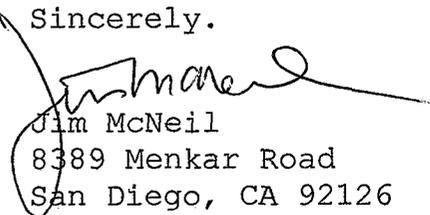
Dear Executive Director Snow:

I urge you to ensure that CalFed creates and selects a "Smart Alternative" (a fourth alternative) based on conservation and restoration to provide ample and high quality water for California's families, wildlife, farms, and businesses into the 21st century. The "Smart Alternative" would:

- restore & protect our watersheds & groundwater basins for high-quality, reliable water for people and wildlife
- ensure effective conservation programs and economic incentives to use our water more effectively
- maximize water efficiency before even considering costly new dams, reservoirs and canals
- restore California's fish, birds, wetlands, rivers, delta, and bays

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

Sincerely.


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