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Dear Mr. Snow:

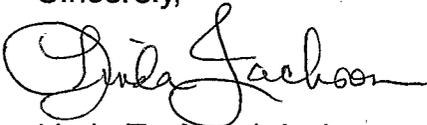
I strongly oppose any CALFED alternative that requires construction of new or enlarged dams, especially Shasta Dam, and canals, including the recurring nightmare, the Peripheral Canal.

In 1988, I wrote Congressman Miller of my concern with the Central Valley's waste of irrigation water. At that time, the farmer's were using 88% of Shasta's (Central Valley Project) water, which was subsidized by us, the taxpayers, and the farmers did not, I repeat, did not practice water efficiency, conservation and reclamation practices of any sort. Ten years later, (1998), as I drive I-90 and U.S. 99, I still do not see any such conservation practices.....nothing has changed, irrigation pipes still leak, creating fountains that irrigate nothing; ditch and furrow irrigation instead of water efficient irrigation systems (of course, such systems cost money to the farmer); and farmers (many of them corporate and foreign investors) grow crops that are not indigenous nor water conserving to the area.

I support CALFED's proposed restoration objectives in the Central Valley. All California water consumers, especially agriculture, need to conserve and protect our water. Water use must be efficient and not wasteful in order to stretch our existing water supply. "If your toilet is over-flowing, you do not install a larger intake pipe."

Again, I urge you and all involved citizens to explore all avenues to expand water conservation and efficiency programs. Building new or higher dams and canals is not the problem nor the solution. In addition to residential areas of California, water conservation programs must be required, installed and enforced in the entire Sacramento and Central Valley agriculture areas.

Sincerely,



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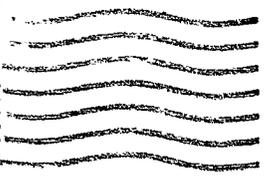
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