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Dear Mr. Snow:

With future population growth and forecasted water shortages for the state of California, we are appalled that the CALFED draft environmental impact report does not address the issue of increased water storage and flood control in more depth.

Conservation is certainly a good thing, however we can only conserve so much water. As this year has proved, beyond a shadow of a doubt, we need more storage and flood control. The amount of water we have seen lost in the 97-98 rainy season will be needed by the urban population and undoubtedly by farmers in the very near future.

California's boom or bust record of rainfall dictates that storage of water must be planned and NOW! Carving up the current dwindling water supply and distributing it equitably portends that everyone will come up short. In our natural state California is basically a desert. We people have taken what water we have stored and made California into a garden that provides a large portion of the world's foodstuffs.

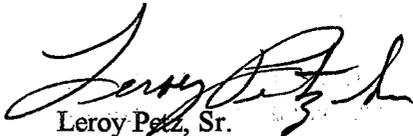
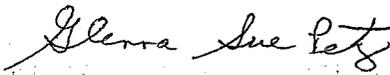
Northern California farmers need to know that the government agencies are interested in protecting the agricultural industry of this state. We are not interested in re-visiting the peripheral canal issue. This plan has been rejected in the past and cannot be anything but more expensive now. We the people have stated this before. No peripheral canal!

Why do we not address the issues of dense watersheds, unsightly and unhealthy (natural) forests that suck up massive amounts of water? Why do we not address the issue of storing the abundant water in wet years and maintaining additional recreational areas for the population as well as preserving the water supply? Why do we have to worry about flooding in the central valley when it should be stored for future use?

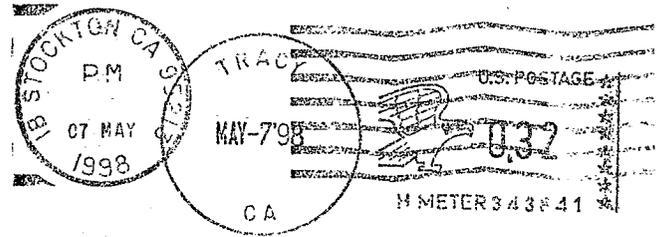
We would like to see the CALFED impact report address these issues. We want to see a map that indicates good locations for additional storage and flood protection. Let the people have more input into these decisions, not the special interest groups.

We believe that there is a looming water crisis and CALFED needs to address these issues responsibly.

Respectfully,

  
  
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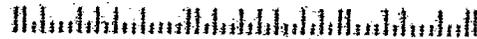
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