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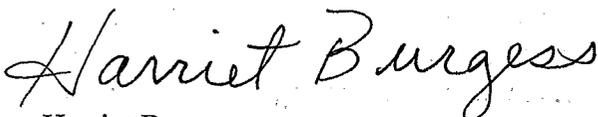
Dear Mr. Snow,

Throughout my thirty years in land and water conservation, I am constantly reminded of the far-reaching effects of development, including habitat loss, water pollution, and land erosion. I am writing you today to advocate for the termination of the CALFED plan to develop and enlarge 23 dams and canals in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Central Valley.

While the intent of the CALFED Restoration Program may be considered by some to be in the best interest of California, it does not take into account the present and future generations nor does it consider the unique beauty and valuable habitat of these regions. Water is a precious commodity in the west and to diverge the natural process in which it flows only puts us more at risk in terms of pollution, availability, and accessibility. As we have witnessed over the past year, with the wrath of El Nino, nature is more powerful than us and to feed over a billion dollars of tax payer money into 23 dams is a short-sighted crime.

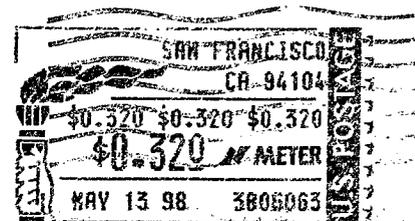
I am adamantly opposed to any development of new or enlarged dams or canals, including the Peripheral Canal and an enlarged Shasta dam, and restoration objectives for upper watershed forest management and delta hydraulics. I commend CALFED on the proposed restoration objectives for the Central valley stream flows, flood plain management, and species preservation. It is my hope that the restoration plan will be expanded to include water efficiency, conservation, and reclamation programs. Thank you for your considering our plea to preserve the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Central Valley.

Very truly yours,



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