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Dear CALFED:

Sacramento Valley growers who have long standing water rights need to be kept whole. They should not be required to relinquish their water to other areas of the State whose water right history is junior to ours. There is more than enough undeveloped water in the State to supply California's rapidly growing needs into the foreseeable future. The environment, the cities, new industries, all are demanding more water from sources that haven't changed in over 20 years. Let's build more storage as the first order of business of CALFED. That will make all the other issues swirling around CALFED easier to handle. We have been through the age of lowered expectations and it was not a pleasant experience. We are once again planning for our future and that must start with more new storage.

My second point is the idea of a meandering river. All the way up and down the Sacramento River we have vital infrastructure; bridges, towns, levees, flood relief structures, pumping plants, fish screens, and roads. These all need to be maintained and protected from the meandering river. Prior to the river threatening this infrastructure, it needs to be controlled. We can't wait until a disaster has happened prior to taking action because at that point it is too late.

Sincerely,

Les Heringer
Manager



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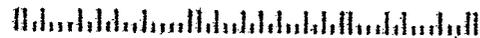


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