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Dear Mr. Snow:

For background, I have lived in North Hollywood, San Francisco, Stockton, and now in Northern California. While not totally involved with water problems in each area of my residency, I have been aware of them.

By this time I am sure you are aware that the people of Northern California want added water storage before shipping any water south, i.e., we want to retain as much water as we currently receive. Whatever additional storage is arranged can be shipped away at that time.

I am not a socialist or communist and do not like government interference or a central control - unless there is no other way to help or protect the people (like our armed forces and transcontinental highways). Having said this, I now suggest to you a governmental restriction, regarding water usage. Is it possible for the state to mandate that anyone taking water from California's rivers must have that water metered and pay based upon the volume used?

In some areas of southern California, and the last time I checked, in Lodi (near Stockton), people paid a flat rate regardless of the quantity of water used. As a result, in summer time I know (and saw) residences that started a water hose and left it running day and night, until it ran down the gutter, to keep grass green and the flowers pretty.

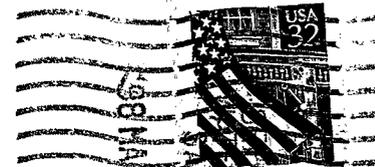
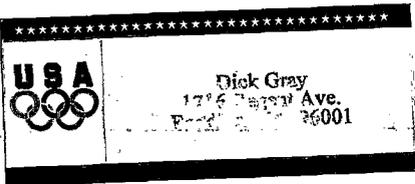
Also, I think of all the backyard swimming pools and the millions of gallons of water in them. Surely there should be an increasing scale for payment, i.e. \$10 for the first 20 or 100 cubic feet, \$20 for the next 20 or 100 cubic feet, etc.

Sorry I sound like a petty tyrant, but our water is now, and will become moreso in the future, precious. Stopping or slowing wastage can be just as important as 'finding' new sources of water.

Sincerely,



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