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Dear Ms. Snow:

I want to take this opportunity to express my support for some of and opposition to other parts of the CALFED plan.

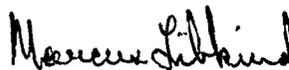
The Delta and Central Valley needs a great amount of work to restore the ecosystem. Those parts of the plan that restore stream flows, water temperature, stream meander, riparian habitat and sensitive, threatened and endangered species are needed. The need for this work is the result of past poorly planned water projects and facilities.

What the California environment does not need is more dams and canals. These will only further alter the natural flow of water and result in more need for restoration efforts. The dams and canals proposed are not in the interest of the environment, but rather are a scheme to develop more water storage and delivery to support more development. As an alternative CALFED should be looking at expanding water efficiency, conservation and reclamation programs to stretch our existing water supplies. Therefore, I oppose all the CALFED alternatives that require construction of new or enlarged dams and canals, including the Peripheral Canal and an enlarged Shasta dam.

The bottom line is that the solution to the Delta and Central Valley water problems are not more dams in the upper watersheds and canals below. The solution is to restore the ecosystem to its natural state by reducing diversions from the upper watersheds.

I am also opposed to the proposed new dams and canals on the basis of their excessively high cost. The billions of dollars for these projects can be spent much more wisely, or better yet, be left in the pockets of the taxpayers to spend as they see fit.

Very truly yours,



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