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Dear Mr. Snow,

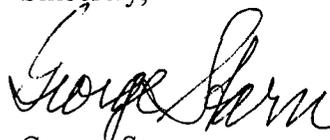
I am requesting that you and CalFed take another look at your plan for California's water needs to include a plan which would put an emphasis on conservation and restoration. A few California farmers have shown that water consumption have been reduced by up to 50% yet your committees see only the possibility of 1%. I have read of these "experimental" farming procedures and cannot understand why they are not practiced throughout the state.

I realize it is difficult to force a farmer into these new procedures; however, a policy brought by your committee could certainly *lead* thousands into similar practices. Your job is to lead and I know that millions of Californians would be aghast at a plan for more dams and canals as opposed to alternatives based on conservation and restoration.

Specifically, please include a plan which would restore and protect our watersheds and create conservation programs and economic incentives to use our water more efficiently. Maximizing water efficiency will help restore the decline of fish, birds, wetlands, rivers, delta and bays.

Please enter this letter into the formal record for the Draft Environmental Impact Report and Statement.

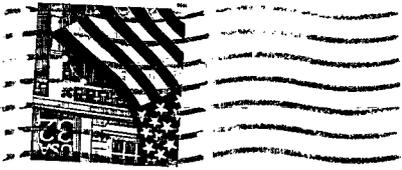
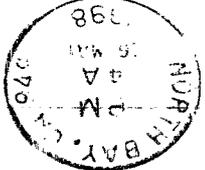
Sincerely,



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