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THE CALFED PROCESS.

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One concern I have is that the Delta Bypass will be built and then there will be no push for storage facilities. I feel very strongly, that to go along with your solution, for every scoop of dirt there is to dig the Periferal canal, there has to be an equal scoop put on the dam at Sites, Shasta, or Auburn. There is enough distrust in the North that unless there are assurances for this extra storage, the deal will die.

I find it interesting that the environmental community is sticking with their montra of : " NO STORAGE FACILITIES". Calif. is short of environmental water also, so does this mean that during the next drought or actual shortage that the environmental community will cut back, or forego there needs? Seems to me that if you do not want to store more water, then you should be first on the list to cut back. If they think that farm families, and communities should give up ther incomes during drought years, then I can only suggest that they have not had many of their paychecks taken away just on the whim of another group of people; particularly a group that is not coming up with long term solutions. Our children get just as hungry as theirs, and we have to keep our industry alive. That aside, I think we have a solution here, and will be looking forward to further discussion. More water is essential, a delta bypass is important, and water quality is our goal. With these we can help the environment and the fisheries, and perhaps avoid the additional cost of the flood damage that has been with us these past few years.

Remember, a scoop for the canal, and one for the dam. Trust is everything!

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