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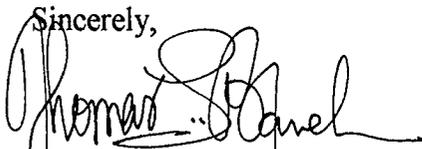
Dear Mr. Snow;

We are writing you regarding the CalFed Plan – restoring the Bay-Delta and would like to comment on the Plan. First, the Plan speaks at great length about ecosystem restoration but relatively little information is provided about proposed new water storage and conveyance systems. In all, it appears that about 23 new enlarged dams and canals are proposed. This includes an peripheral canal (voted down in 1982 by the vast majority of Californians) and up to six new offstream storage reservoirs dependent on massive new water diversions from the Sacramento River and the Delta. We thought that the health of the Delta and the San Francisco Bay was dependent on more and not less water.

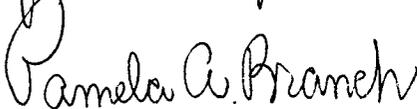
The Plan appears to produce fewer free flowing rivers in California, more flood plain land to build on and more water for naturally arid central valley regions as well as similar regions to the south. The underlying benefit of this plan favors the ever present water and developer interests while the façade of the Plan paints a picture of addressing environmental concerns.

We are against any new or enlarged dams in California as well as any new water storage facilities and related conveyance systems. The public is still against any form of peripheral canal as are we. The Plan is not about restoring the Delta. It is about more 20th Century water diversions massively changing the the natural face of California. We are against this and would like you to take our comments into account.

Sincerely,



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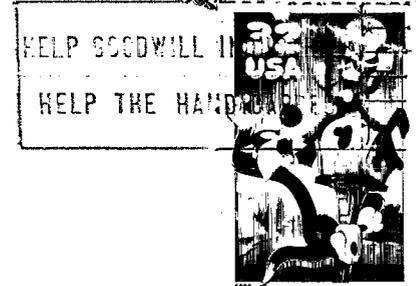
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