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Dear Executive Director Snow,

We all know that water is the most important resource that California has and impacts the total economy of the state. Since residential use accounts for 15% of the use, it doesn't have much effect on the total use in the State. A 20% reduction in the residential use makes only a 3% impact in total water use in the State. In contrast, agriculture uses 80% of the water so a 20% reduction makes a 16% impact. I am sure you are aware of this. So lets work with agriculture to conserve water.

Even though I am a Sierra Club member I am for some dam building and water distribution projects. But I think the only way to encourage the agriculture industry to conserve water is to raise the cost of water to reflect the true cost of the water they use. For example, raising rice in California doesn't make sense when it could be raised in Texas, near Houston, where they have more rain.

Please enter these comments into the formal record for your Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement.

Sincerely,



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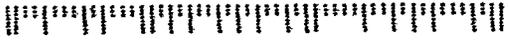


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