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Dear Mr. Snow:

I was an attendee at the seminar in Los Angeles on this subject, on or about October 30, 1997. Impressive were the MANY best of science "available" suggestions. As best I recall, among the many speakers that I heard were John Cain, Mary Selkirk (a consultant to Cal-Fed problems), Carla BARD, Jason Pelletieri, Cynthia Koehler, Richard Ault, and Lynn Anderson Rodriquez.

All spoke of bringing competing interests together — the various water agencies, the many environment groups, the agricultural community, timber industry and other like extractive group concerned about natural resources. Biologists, farmers, etc. all spoke conceding somewhat to attain the desired common goal. That seminar clearly spoke of protection of eco-systems, watersheds, and safeguarding mountain side forests from ridge to riparian water locations.

I hope the seminar meant something in the final three proposals. I protest the absence of a "smart alternative" rehabilitating and safeguarding California's watersheds and groundwater basins. Costly dams, canals, and reservoirs should be a LAST resort — a failure of nature's process can be the only reason for the dams, canals and reservoirs that abound in the three proposals. Agriculture can have greater conservation — as pointed out so effectively in the seminar. An efficient, high quality water delivery system is essential for Southern California. Down here MANY steps are underway to safeguard on-site rainfall! Your response will be appreciated.

Yours truly.

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