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Dear Mr. Breitenbach

As a longtime resident of northern California I have a deep concern about the prospects of protecting the ground water in this region. When large powerful metropolitan water districts, agriculture, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and various Environmentalists are vying to obtain sources of water, money, (lawsuits) and political power usually prevail in extracting what is wanted. CalFed must make protecting the ground water in northern California a top priority.

Any program devised to provide adequate water to solve the Bay-Delta problem, must be done with long range planning by providing facilities to store runoff water during the rainy season. A series of these storage facilities could be set in normally dry canyons in the foothills on each side of the valley. Use should be limited to provide irrigation, recharge the ground water tables, and provide additional stream water when necessary. Some of these facilities could also provide electrical power generation.

With the projected increase in population, so will there be more demand for food, thusly more crops, and more irrigation as well as water for domestic use. Present storage facilities conservation, and ground water will no doubt be inadequate twenty to thirty years from now. More storage or desalination of seawater is the most logical way to help solve this future problem.

We must ask those who are against dams and storage, how would our State be fairing if it were not for the vision, foresight and determination of those who were responsible for providing facilities like Shasta Dam, Oroville Dam and the series of canals? We must convince these opponents that without adequate future water, there will be more endangered species and plants as well as hardships for people.

Yours truly,



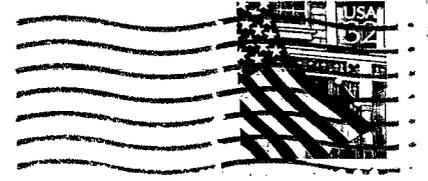
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