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Dear Sirs,

I believe that water storage is one of our great assests in Northern californnia. Not only does water storage provide over 2/3 of out of state, household water, and irrigation of farm land, but we have almost forgotten about the disasterous floods of 60 years ago. without Shasta Dam large portions of Redding, Anderson, and Red Bluff would be unthinkable and tens of thousands of acres of orchards and farmland would be subject to frequent devastating floods.

The floods we have seen recently along the Sacramento River with erosion of levees and dikes are almost nothing in comparison with the millions of acres that would be flooded without the dams on the Sacremento and it's tributaries.

In addition recreation on these reservoirs is one of the majors industries in Northern California.

Certainly there has been an impact on Salmon but when we step back and non-emotionally look at the total pictures, I see an enormous plus for water storage in Northern California. Raising Shasta Dam 17 feet would enhance flood control, recreation, water supply and hydroelectric power, I don't see any additional impact on our Salmon Runs.

We have millions of acre feet of water running off into the Ocean each year. Providing well planned, well mitigated storage for this water to be used for agricutlure and household use seems to be a very logical approach.

Whether to use underground storage such as the Cottonwood underground aquefore is a subject that needs more study. If this water is replaced on an annual basis by winter rains then existing wells would not be adversely effected (or effects adequately compensated for). Then this could be considered, but with pumping costs and other compensations would it be economically feasible? The White Oaks community water district will eventually serve 200 houses and irrigate about 250 acres from the Aquefore. Will this water be there in the future, or if the ground water level is lower because we are exporting the water the water south will the cost of deepening the wells be adequately compensated for?

I thnk we need to find a solution to California water supply. stor-
age of excess winter water.

Storage of excess winter water and distribution of this water are the problems. The tone here in Northern California seems to be to try and block both. Lets remember we can be out voted any day so lets find a solution that benefits both Southern, Central, and Northern California. I would even take another look at some of the Cottonwood Creek project for water storage and flood control with great recreational enhancement.

Sincerely,



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