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Sir:

I am opposed to any CalFed alternative that requires new or enlarged dam & canal construction, especially a peripheral canal & an enlarged Shasta Dam. Dams & canals got us into our currentness & I can't see new ones solving anything.

Let's not look like dinosaurs on these issues. Washington State is the first to remove an obsolete & destructive dam. Maine has also seen the wisdom in dismantling a dam on the Kennebec River, over the objection of the owners! We in California have a golden opportunity <u>NOW</u>, with <u>your</u> program, to remove money losing, (billions of) fish killing, obsolete dams, beginning with the

Inglebright dam on the Yuba.
I support all of your restoration objectives for our rivers, flood plains riparian habitat & fish. I also urge you to create a better 4th Alternative that gives long overdue priority to water efficiency, conservation & agricultural metering. This Alternative should also assess all the significant dams in the region to identify the worst fish killers & the money losers. These dams must be removed to allow the fish to return to their historic spawning grounds.
Your restoration objectives for upper watershed forest management & delta hydraulics I must strongly oppose. Wild fire threats will not be reduced by increasing logging.

Building more dams & diversions cannot resolve the delta's flow problems.

Consider consulting w/ Real Goods inc., an industry leader in water efficiency & energy conservation. They have state of the art merchandise that provides the most bang for the buck. They could truly open your eyes to the vast potential for saving water now inherent in most sinks, toilets and farm irrigation systems throughout our state.

Please provide us a 4th. "SMART" Alternative!

Watchfully Yours

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