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Attention: Rick Breitenbach

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Dear Mr. Breitenbach

I am a twenty-six year resident of Walnut Grove. We came here because of all the California Delta has to offer a family. I went into business here, bought a home here, our children went all through school in Walnut Grove and Clarksburg, and now I am retired.

We have grown to love the Delta for what it is. Now all of what it is, farming, recreation, business and all, are threatened by the loss of fresh water.

When we came here, construction had begun in preparation for the Auburn Dam. Some wanted it, some did not. No matter which side one is on, the fact remains that the state needs the Dam. There is just not enough water storage to supply water to the southern part of the state. We cannot rely on sending what stored water we have south. This will put the whole state in a water crisis.

Taking farm land out of production in the Delta hurts everyone, not just the farmers. We need the food produced in the Delta. We need the jobs, labor, trucking and other related business.

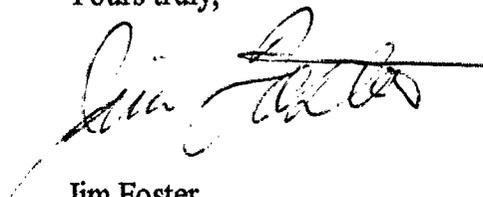
We are being asked to use more and more electricity. We are being asked to convert to electric cars and to use electric mowers for our lawn.

Do people think food comes from the supermarket and electricity from the wall plug?

It's time to stop the short-sighted patching of the state's water and power problems, and build the Auburn Dam. If we are going to continue to have the growth we are having, is removing fresh water from the Delta, taking farmland out of production, damaging recreation, and doing nothing to produce more electricity the answer? It seems to me that we are taking a giant step backward. Making the California Delta back into what it was two hundred years ago is not going to solve anything.

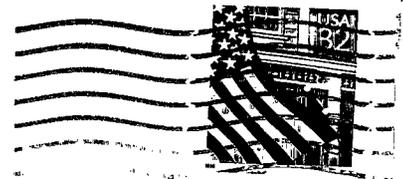
Please help get things back on track. Stand back and take a long hard look at what is about to happen to one of California's greatest resources, the California Delta.

Yours truly,



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