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Dear Mr. Stone,

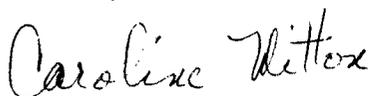
I believe the Bay/Delta Program should rest on using the water we have more efficiently and stopping the killing of fish at the intake pumps. I did not see either of these ideas emphasized in the proposals. Assuredly, they are very difficult problems to solve. But, until they are solved, your proposals are not going to be acceptable.

Putting up more dams will only encourage more waste. That is not getting at the problem. The problem is the finite amount of water available and the many uses we want to make of it. Since our country is run on a financial basis, financial incentives are the most likely way to get the idea of conservation and wise use across. These do not entail the building of anything but a consensus on the need to do it.

Saving the fish is imperative, for more reasons than just helping the sporting industry. Somehow, people in charge must be made to see that the lives of all living things are intertwined, and it's not a matter of us versus wildlife; it's us AND wildlife or nothing. We are only beginning to really understand that our existence is dependent on that of wildlife and we must share the water with it.

I hope you will revise your plans to eliminate the harm done by the pumps and not put up any more dams. They are not the solution to our water problems. Work on some ways of encouraging wise use of the water we have, instead.

Sincerely,



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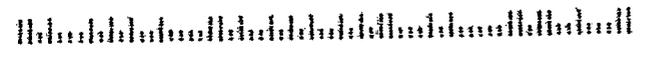
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