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Dear Mr. Snow:

The Cal Fed Bay/Delta Program must concentrate efforts on CONSERVATION and RESTORATION.

Strong conservation programs must be stimulated, encouraged, and enforced in both urban and farm populations by education & economic incentives. Urban users must be encouraged to adopt what have been previously seen only as emergency measures for serious drought years as a way of life in water-scarce California. Farmers -- particularly large corporate farms who seem to have financial reserves -- must be stimulated & encouraged to use the innovative methods that have shown a water savings of up to 50%. They need to be weaned from water intensive crops that are not really appropriate for California to mixed farming which is ecologically sounder than mono-culture.

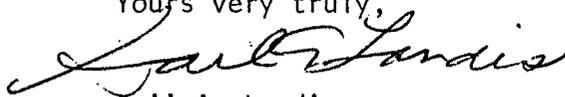
The Bay & Delta, the salmon runs and other wildlife will benefit from restoration of wetlands. We cannot hope to restore all of the wetlands we have so carelessly destroyed but every single piece that can be preserved and/or restored must be seen as of the highest priority.

Not until strong conservation programs are in place, wetland restoration is well underway, habitat for imperiled species both native and migratory assured, should there be the least consideration of dams, reservoirs & canals. These "quick (and expensive) fixes" have been used all too often in California with little realization of the long-term destructive nature of these installations so dearly loved by developers and the construction industry.

The three alternatives that have been published all fail to significantly address the fact that California is a water scarce land. We must turn around our attitude and use of water to respect that fact. We do not need peripheral canals, dams & aqueducts to take water where it is not suppose to be & deprive the land of its natural flows.

We need to respect the land and other species that we share it with & use as little as possible of the most precious resource - water. By using as little as possible we will insure that future generations will not only have sufficient water, but that their world will include the vital mix of habitats and their native species that has always made California the beautiful land that it is.

Yours very truly,

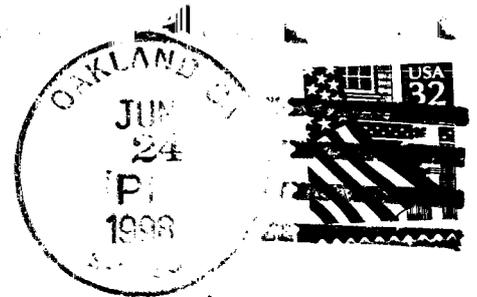


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