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Executive Director Lester Snow
Re: Support CalFed "Smart Alternative"

June 24, 1998

Dear Executive Director Snow,

We would like to recommend that you encourage, support and ensure that CalFed selects a new "Smart Alternative" for its water management plan for California's future.

Until this state assumes the critical responsibility of appropriate water usage and conscientious conservation, it must not consider additional water acquisition, more dams, or canals. California's abuse of water, possibly its most precious resource has led to shameful waste, pollution, "water wars", and even corruption. In the meantime, California's vital biological diversity, its functioning wetlands and its future economies have consequently been seriously impaired and threatened.

As the most important CalFed process continues, we must rise above the historic greed and absolute lack of environmental attention that has occurred with regard to water. We must now demand that any project meet appropriate standards that ensure:

- water conservation appropriate for this state
- appropriate (economically and environmentally responsible) water utilization
- restoration of wildlife and wetlands
- restoration of groundwater basins and watersheds
- economic incentives for water conservation and appropriate water utilization
- restoration of California's unique Delta and Bay Estuary

California's economy is clearly based upon its natural resources and its future is directly linked to the protection and sustainable utilization of these resources. For the long-term and sustainable future of California we ask that you push for a "smart" and responsible water management plan.

Very sincerely yours,



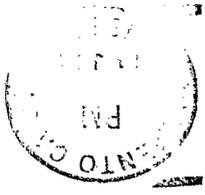
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