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CALFED Bay-Delta Program
Mr. Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow:

Have you ever experienced the section of the McCloud River which would be destroyed by the proposed enlargement of Shasta Dam? It is only from the experience of walking up the river - of actually being there and taking in this extraordinary and very special place that you can truly appreciate and understand one's deep felt concern for its future.

My understanding is CALFED is attempting to address the reduction of fish and wildlife in the Delta via the proposed Shasta project. This decline was caused by similar development of dams in the Delta area and is sufficient reason to seriously question the rationale of this proposed project which would create exactly the same adverse conditions in the Mt. Shasta / McCloud River area.

My family has lived in this state since it was a Mexican held possession and I have three young sons who are 6th generation Californians. My hope is to take them to the McCloud River and say, "Boys, as you get older life becomes a series of decisions - some big and some small. Here is where a man named Mr. Snow had to make a really big decision that decided the river's future. And, after a lot of thinking and pressure to do otherwise, he realized this place was a special gift given to all of us to protect, respect, and keep intact. He would not allow it to be destroyed and we owe him our thanks and deep gratitude."

Mr. Snow, I ask that you make it possible for all parents to be able to say this to their children and their children's children for generations to come. I encourage you to come and sit in this place because only then can you understand it is absolutely the right thing to do.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valleio Haraszthy".

Valleio Haraszthy

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