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Lester Snow, CalFed Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow:

As I am sure you are well aware, water is the most precious resource in California. Right now, a decision vital to our future needs your attention.

I urge you to ensure that CalFed creates and selects a Smart Alternative" (a fourth alternative) based on conservation and restoration to provide ample and high quality water for California's wildlife, farms, domestic, commercial water users into the 21st century. The "Smart Alternative" would:

- Ensure effective conservation programs and economic incentives to use our water more efficiently.
- Maximize water efficiency before even considering costly new dams, reservoirs and canals.
- Restore and protect our watersheds and groundwater basins for high-quality, reliable water for people and wildlife.
- Restore California's fish, birds, wetlands, rivers, delta and bays.

Please enter these comments into the formal record for your Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact report and Statement.

Sincerely,



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