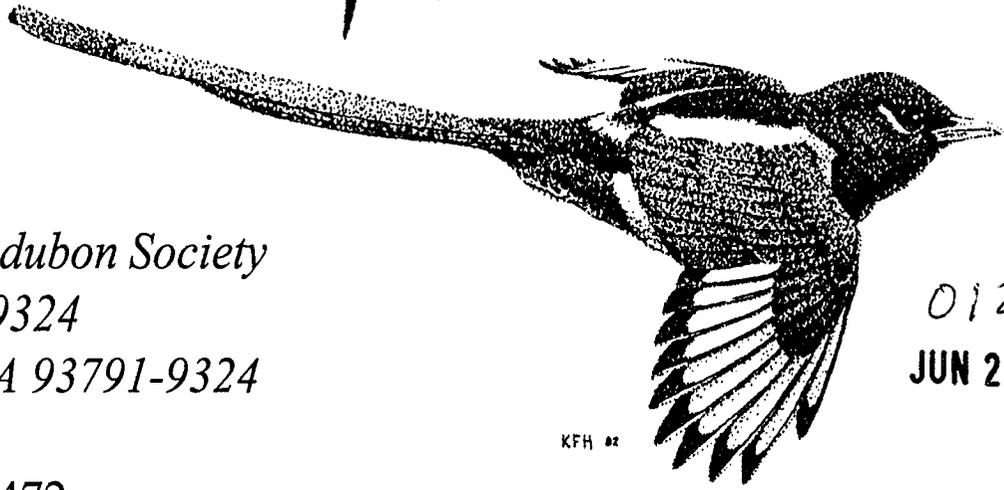


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Dear Mr. Snow:

Our organization has been following the Calfed process closely, and we have shown up at some meetings and expressed our opinions about the future of the Delta area. What concerns us is the over reliance on the costly and ultimately selfdefeating proposals to build a new series of dams and levees in and around the Delta area. These are not only extremely expensive—over \$10 billion for the life of the project, but they may also do damage to the existing land and the wildlife that live on it.

A far less costly approach is the use of water conservation and educating people to its benefits and possibilities. Farmers using conservation have shown no loss in crops and a reduction of almost 50% in their water usage. Similarly, urbanites who practice water conservation have seen similar advantages to its use. With California's rapidly growing population and limited water resources, water conservation has to be a major consideration. The state simply cannot go on building more dams and destroying more land. There must be a balance somewhere, and water conservation is part of that balance.

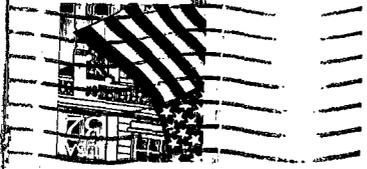
Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Larry Parmeter

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