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The Honorable Albert Gore  
Vice President  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE, WHITE HOUSE  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

June 23, 1998

Dear Vice President Gore:

Right now, the most precious resource in California--water--needs your attention, I urge you to ensure that CalFed puts forth and selects new and smarter alternatives to provide ample, high quality water for California's people, agriculture and wildlife.

A smart and "simple" alternative would be to employ **"non-potable" desalinization programs** which are relatively inexpensive compared to "potable" desalinization programs. The use of "non-potable desalinized water" for the purpose of irrigating California's crucial agriculture industry would reduce the state's need for water by as much as 50%, utilizing our most abundant natural resource--The Pacific Ocean--to augment our most limited precious resource--fresh water.

This would reduce the need for other conservation programs or costly new dams, reservoirs and/or Peripheral Canals, while restoring and protecting our watersheds, groundwater basins as well as protecting our wildlife, wetlands and water reserves.

It may even provide the added bonus of reducing our beach erosion, from the ever raising ocean levels, as suggested by the "greenhouse effect" scientific community.

Admittedly it's an "out of the box" solution, but maybe that's what we need to lead the world into the "new millennium" you're always exhorting.

Please inform me of your actions, it will be interesting to see if anyone actually *reads* this letter.

Respectfully Yours,



cc: Ms. Barbara Boxer, U.S. Senate  
Mr. Lester Snow, CalFed Bay/Delta Program