

## CHEESEMAN'S ECOLOGY SAFARIS

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Lester Snow, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Snow,

We urge CalFed to create and select a new alternative to the Plan that is based on conservation and restoration to provide reliable, high-quality water for California's people and wildlife and ask you to include the following elements:

- Ensure strong conservation programs and economic incentives to use our water efficiently.
- Perform economic analyses of alternative methods of improving water supply reliability.
- Maximize water efficiency before even considering costly new dams and reservoirs or a Peripheral Canal.
- Restore and protect our watersheds and groundwater basins.
- Adopt the financing principle that "user pays".
- Restore California's fish, birds, wetlands, rivers, deltas, and bays.
- Provide assurances that the ecosystem program will be implemented, that CalFed will not result in increased impacts on the environment, and that all environmental laws will be fully implemented including the Endangered Species Act and the Central Valley Project Improvement Act.

With respect to CalFed's Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report/Statement (DPEIR/S) please consider that:

- The DPEIR/S does not represent an adequate basis for decision making; for example, many information gaps exist and the range of alternatives is not wide enough.
- The DPEIR/S fails to fully analyze an alternative based on conservation and efficiency, including some or all of the following - conservation, recycling, properly-regulated transfers, conjunctive use, and operational changes.
- All of CalFed's program elements should be subjected to independent scientific review.
- All of CalFed's program elements, water use efficiency, ecosystem restoration, watershed management, levee system integrity, water transfers, and water quality, should have specific goals and performance standards.

Lester Snow, Executive Director

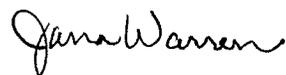
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- CalFed could better evaluate the interrelationships of program elements; for example, the water quality benefits associated with improving water use efficiency.
- The DPEIR/S fails to establish a comprehensive environmental and financial baseline and should do so.
- The "user pays" principle should guide CalFed's finance decisions.

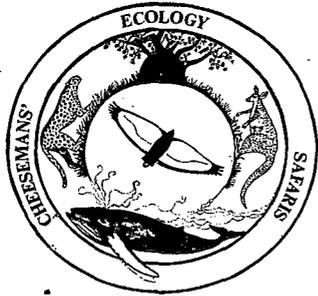
Thank you for your consideration of these matters.

Sincerely,



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