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Dear Executive Director Snow:

I have been following, fairly closely, the water politics issues in California and was much heartened when the CalFed program started. It brought hope to many of us who want "reasonableness" to enter the world of California water.

I realize that these are very complex issues but was stunned to hear in a town meeting last week that none of the current proposals incorporate water conservation as a component.

As a child I was constantly told to "clean my plate" before I left the table. We lived on a strict budget and couldn't afford to waste food. As an incentive; "no dessert until you clean your plate!" Why are we letting Californians, residential & commercial & agricultural use, waste water and now we're offerring dessert too! Water conservation is like cleaning your plate; You can't have more because your wasting what you have already been given.

I have ready many success stories about innovative farmers who are routinely saving 20-30 even 50% of the water they used to use.

Here's what I want:

- enforceable conservation requirements with economic benefit derived from compliance
- no wasting money on dams and canals

and big expensive projects until the conservation element is in place — The Honorable John Doolittle's Auburn Dam has been defeated & resurrected so many times — clearly we the people don't really want dams.

I appreciate your groups efforts on behalf of water quality, habitat protection, and watershed protection. I don't think of my self as an environmentalist! I'm a realist — Why spend money to build projects before we have explored the risks. We need our water supplies — and we need them healthy!

Please consider my comments & include them in your formal record for the Draft Programatic Environmental Impact Report and Statement!

Sincerely,

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