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Lester Snow, Director CalFed Bay-Delta Program  
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Dear Mr. Snow,

I heard you speak on a radio program from Merced around June 18th. You asked for opinions and I am enclosing copies of various Letters to the Editor that I have written in the past several months. I realize some of the areas I have mentioned are not part of the Bay-Delta Program but they are related.

No. 1 - For some reason there seems to be very little media coverage of this Program.

No. 2 - I think the EPA has far too much power in making decisions regarding the use of land and water in California.

No. 3 - I don't recall hearing you mention any possibility of "retiring" agricultural land - perhaps that is inferred in the wetlands subject. I have heard anything from 250,000 to 600,000 acres may be retired. But I just read in the booklet that since 1800 700,000 acres of land has been converted from the so-called "ecosystem" to farming which makes me wonder what your intentions are.

No. 4 - I think it is IMPERATIVE that something be done about unlimited use of land for housing developments, golf courses etc. Some policy needs to be adopted to control this land use. And the use of water in connection with these developments. Housing needs to go "UP". Condos, apartment bldgs, etc.

No. 5 - California must be saved from unlimited population growth that uses our good agricultural land for housing, a lot of which is caused by unlimited illegal and legal immigration. The US has to get control of its borders and it must impose some limits on immigration.

No. 5 - I am very much opposed to shipping our water south. We need that water. Let the Southern part of the State go to de-salination. I understand Santa Barbara is considering this alternative.

The CalFed program is probably a step in the right direction but I don't think any program of this magnitude should be implemented without serious consideration of all of the above.

I hope you will be speaking in other communities affected by this program - i. e. Stockton, Lodi, Sacramento and I hope the dates will be shown on the CalFed Internet Calendar.

Sincerely,

*California B. Quint*  
Mrs. California B. Quint

cc: State Senator Maurice Johannessen, Governor Wilson, Congressman Richard Pombo

Our readers write

4 — Lodi News-Sentinel — Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Pflow pfrom pfaucet  
pflabbergasting

Editor:

We recently remodeled our kitchen and in the process, we purchased a garbage disposal and a Price Pfister Pfaucet.

Pfaucets are plumbing pfixtures that regulate the pflow opf pfluids. Garbage disposals' duties are accomplished by pulverizing and blending epffluents with the pfluids pflowing pfrom pfaucets, liquefying these epffluents pfor disposal into the sewer.

When we pfirst turned our pfau-  
cet on, we were pflabbergasted by the pfeeble pflow of pfluids pfrom this pfixture. We read the manufacturer's pamphlet, then, and pfound that the pfeeble pflow is mandated by EPA pfiat, in a pfutile gesture at water conservation!

Shortly apfter we discovered this government intrusion into one of the most insignificant areas of life, we read a commentary by Dave Barry, (News-Sentinel, July 21) regarding an EPA pfiat on bathroom pfixtures. An EPA-approved com-  
mode tank holds only 1.6 gallons of pfluid (less than halpf of pre-pfiat capabilities) but these new pfix-  
tures must be pflushed up to three times in order to pforce all of the pf-  
ecal matter to pflow pfrom the pfix-  
ture to the sewer!

The logical next step in the EPA's march to pfull and pfinal pfiscal devastation of our economy can be found in C. Quint's letter opf Aug. 22 — massive vacuum cleaner bags pfor pfarm equipment when pfarmers pfurrow their pfields in order to eliminate particular matter so minute that its almost im-  
measurable. Maybe ipf we vacuum up the EPA's Carol Browning in one of these giant bags, her brow will pfurrow and she might pfigure out the pfallacy of EPA pfiats. Pfat chance, pfolks!

Pfor some strange reason, my spell-checker pfell down on the job on this letter, but can you believe it? I got through the entire letter without using the "pf" word once!

Perhaps I'll send a copy to Sen. Dianne Pfeinstein. Ooops!  
David Sherman  
Lodi

Vacuum bags will look  
mighty strange

Editor:

Huge vacuum bags floating out behind tractors and trucks as they work in the fields will look mighty strange but that may be the only way farmers will be able to capture the "fugitive dust" that EPA claims is killing tens of thousands of people annually from heart failure and severe asthma.

Sound strange? Not at all — if the new regulations EPA proposes take effect as planned. And in the June 26 issue of the News-Sentinel, the story "Clinton OKs pollution rules" states that after weeks of intense debate the President approves tighter air pollution requirements, rejecting industry claims that the new rules will be too costly."

EPA Administrator Carol Browner states that under the new

rules concentrates of particulate matter as small as 2.5 microns — approximately one-fortieth the width of a human hair — must be regulated. According to federal figures, 83 percent of such "emissions" come from "fugitive dust" — stuff kicked up by farmers, miners, road builders, construction crews, animals with dandruff and pollen-spewing fauna.

Will each animal have to be vacuumed daily? Will pollen-spewing fauna have to be covered with bags? Where will we dispose of this hazardous waste?

Here in the richest, most productive land in the world — land that grows as many as four crops a year, and possibly more, land that feeds the world, where "tilling the soil" goes on almost continuously — Clinton rejects the claim that the new rules will be too costly.

Then who will feed those "starving children?"  
California B. Quint  
Lodi

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## Letters invited

The Lodi News-Sentinel welcomes opinions from its readers.

Please send letters to "Letters to the Editor," P.O. Box 1360, Lodi, CA 95241.

### Fixing the water coverage

Editor:

There has been very little media coverage of this sweeping proposal for "fixing" the water and ecosystem of the California Central Valley. Included in this plan is the possibility of "retiring" 250,000 up to 600,000 acres of farm land and conveying Northern California water to Southern California. Only 75 days were allowed for comment on the complex 12 volume, 2,400 page draft proposal with June 1 being the deadline for a decision. This deadline may have been extended to July 1. There appears to be three alternatives under consideration with a final decision expected in late 1998. There is plenty of information on the Internet under "Cal-Fed Bay-Delta Program" and 1-

800-700-5752 will, reach Lester Snow, CalFed Director. Citizens are urged to become informed on this plan. On May 13, there was an article in this newspaper headlined "Farm Bureau head hits CALFED" but that is all I have seen on the subject. A program of this magnitude should be subjected to close scrutiny, but with the lack of coverage many people may not be aware that such a plan is under consideration.

California B. Quint

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### Urban sprawl depletes water

*05/06/1998*

Editor:

This letter refers to an article in the Lodi News-Sentinel, April 22, titled "Fear of lost farms mounts for valley."

It is heartening to note that this problem is being seriously addressed and it must be noted that this land is not just any land — this is the rich farm land that "feeds the world." This land does not occur just any place. However, it must be kept in mind that the owners of this valuable land must also retain the right to reap the benefits — either in sale to builders or for use as crop land.

But it is not only land that is at stake — it is water. California is rapidly running out of water and these individual homes with big yards are using the water that is needed to grow the crops that "feed the world."

Surely it is time to start building "up" — high-rise apartment and condo buildings use less land, are more affordable to build and own and also use less water to keep up the grounds which many families can share.

This is a problem that will require the best minds with the best intent and the best interest of our country to solve. But it is something that must be addressed before this good land is covered with housing.

California B. Quint  
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## Farm Bureau head hits CALFED

California Farm Bureau Federation President Bill Pauli urged members of a House subcommittee Tuesday to withhold funds from federal agencies working on the joint state-federal CALFED Bay-Delta program.

Pauli argued that CALFED's proposed measures to fix the Delta, an environmentally sensitive area and the source of most of Southern California's drinking water, put a "disproportionate burden" on farmers and ranchers.

He said the proposed solutions, which include retiring some 250,000 acres of farmland to create habitat and possibly building a canal around the estuary to improve exported water quality, relied "largely on redirecting agriculture's two most fundamental resources — water and land — to satisfy other uses, rather than efforts to assure reliable and affordable water supplies."

He said, "The most effective way to conserve outflow is to increase surface water storage in an environmentally sensitive manner."

Specifically, he urged that agencies instead study expanding Shasta, Millerton and Los Vaqueros reservoirs.

He said, "It is . . . impossible for us at this time to support a continuing federal appropriation for CALFED until we see marked improvement in the program to benefit California's farmers and ranchers."

Pauli's comments were made before a subcommittee of the House Resources Committee.

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