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Attn: Messrs. Lester Snow and Rick Breitenbach:

I am not currently a member of Bollibokka, but this is a vital issue for the state of California. Please read my letter.

I was born in New Jersey and have lived in California since 1975. I love this state and its beauty more than I can say or express to you in writing now. It is with great pain that I watch or have read about all the environmentally great things in this state which have been destroyed in the name of progress, development, special interests, lack of policy or lack of guts.

John Muir wrote that the Hetch Hetchy valley rivaled that of Yosemite – one of the most recognized landmarks in the world – and now it lies beneath a reservoir. The mighty salmon and steelhead runs which blanketed the western half of the U.S. are, but a tiny dying and perhaps doomed fraction of their former selves – and yet we still dam and grow reservoirs. We blame everything and everyone, but the culprit. The culprit being the continued destruction of habitat. The condor is basically gone, the grizzly (its on our flag!) is gone, the salmon are almost gone, and the list goes on.

Stretches of river such as the McCloud represent but a tiny precious jewel of remaining wilderness. Yet even in the face of the environmental problems associated with well-known and well-documented loss of rivers around the world our proposed response is to consider consuming additional miles of it. Forget managing the use of water better so the higher level is not necessary. The easier, less controversial, and less planned policy way is just to dam. I can actually empathize. Telling people they can't water their lawns every day, or that farmers can't grow as much rice or that more stringent water saving devices are being required would be a very difficult thing. If the dam is increased, who would be against more water must be the question. Ask the town of Dunsmuir what they think of healthy viable rivers.

A series of questions I would appreciate having answered:

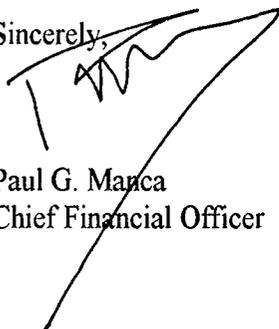
1. What policy initiatives have been properly investigated which would reduce usage so that the greater capacity was not necessary?
2. Which policy initiatives are being implemented? What is your track record for success in this regard?
3. What value has been placed on the 15 miles of river which would be destroyed – both from a taking claim perspective and a trade off against more water in the dam? One can not make a decision about a dam without this calculation.
4. What is CALFED's understanding of the voters of California's preference on environmental issues?
5. How do you propose to replace the virgin river which is lost and the habitat for related fish and other animals? What areas are targeted?

I highly recommend the reading of the book called "Encounters with the Archdruid" by the great American writer John McPhee. It contains three short true stories between David Brower, the founder of the Sierra Club and in each case a person who would develop an area for recreation, minerals and in one case a river for a reservoir. I urge you to read the one involving the Colorado River and Floyd Domini, former Head of the Bureau of Reclamation. It is an unbiased reporting of several days these two opponents spent rafting on the river debating the merits of more water and recreation for people against the loss of pristine sections of the Colorado River. I encourage those involved in the decision to do the same. It will affect the way you think.

Have you ever been to a gorgeous part of the country and said, "You should have seen this before it was developed. It was really something"? The McCloud still is really something.

There are a great many of us who will watch your decision process with great and active interest.

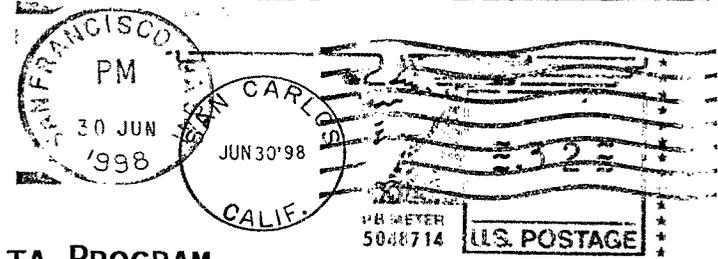
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Manca", written over a large, sweeping diagonal line that extends from the top right towards the bottom left of the signature area.

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