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CALFED Bay Delta Program
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Attention: Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Snow,

Last summer, I had the great pleasure of vacationing on the McCloud River. Although I am fortunate to live in Pt. Reyes, where 80% of the land is protected in parks, I was amazed by how much more wild is the land around the river. One feels the strength of animal habitat, and the abundance and replenishment of nature.

Areas like this are rare in California, indeed, in the world. They deserve our protection, if at all possible. Consequently, I was saddened to hear of CALFED plans to enlarge Shasta Dam. The EIS/EIR does not seem to adequately address the following specific areas:

It seems ironic that CALFED would flood and destroy acres of habitat and forestland in order to reverse environmental affects on the Bay Delta. CALFED could be a model for more efficient use, conservation and reclamation of existing water resources. The proposal seems to be in direct opposition to the principles on which CALFED was founded, i.e. to "Have no significant redirected impacts. Solutions will not solve problems...by redirecting significant negative impacts to other regions in California...." and "Solutions will have broad public acceptance and legal feasibility".

Many species of animal, fish and plant life which are unique, and presently in a healthy state would be destroyed, and the public is being given a very short time to respond to the plan.

The plan will flood important archaeological and historical resources, many of which are pristine and as yet, undiscovered. The plan would also bring public houseboats into areas that have been inaccessible.

PG&E states that there is an important relationship to the annual runoff into watersheds and their storage capacity. Since Shasta already stores two years of rainfall, wouldn't the Colusa pumped storage reservoir option be more suitable.

This proposal also has a negative impact on marina owners, campgrounds, and national parkland .

Thank you for your consideration of these questions. I look forward to receiving any information which concerns the project.

Sincerely,

Nancy B. Stein

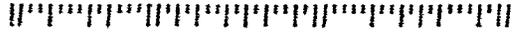
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