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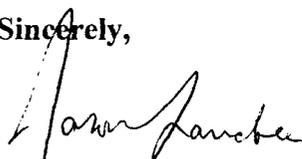
Mr. Lester Snow  
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The purpose of this letter is to voice our concern for the many proposals submitted for floodplain acquisition along the Sacramento River. The proposed programs will provide funding for the planning and reforestation of riparian habitats and natural river processes on flood-prone land along the Sacramento River.

We are a family farm in Glenn County with extensive experience growing crops in the Northern Sacramento Valley for more than 55 years. We support protection and proper restoration planning of specific flood-prone properties for riparian habitats, but are concerned about possible cumulative effects and need assurances for compensation to landowners who could be adversely effected. We farm rice, prunes, wheat and safflower on land south of the Llano Seco Rancho and east of Butte City. As farmers in the area, we support efforts to include local landowners in the planning process to decide potential restoration affects on third parties and the flood control system. Any activities within river mile 193 to 169 will make changes to downstream flooding in the Butte basin, either positively or negatively, and need to be considered collectively. We find the approach for local input a necessary step in the right direction and hope they will hear and consider our concerns.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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