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Mr. Lester Snow, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow,

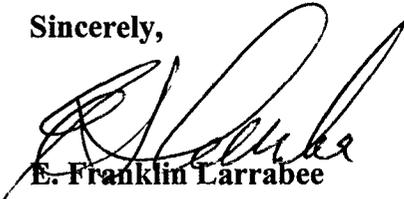
Enclosed you will find two pieces of correspondence that I have mailed to Sacramento River Partners. In both of these letters I feel that I outlined my concerns about their proposed plans for an aquatic and terrestrial habitat restoration project on the Llano Seco Rancho.

As a long time landowner in the Butte Basin, I have observed first hand, the power and unpredictability of the Sacramento River. We have experienced property damage, loss of crops and delayed planting schedules due to the increased use of our area for flood relief purposes. In 1998, State Highway 162 was closed for 29 days due to continuous flooding. I have no idea what the dollar cost was to public and private transportation, or the labor cost was to Cal Trans to place employees at the road barriers for 29 days, 24 hours a day, but it must have been significant.

Mr. John Carlon of the Sacramento River Partners made a presentation to the Western Canal board on April 20th. At that meeting the board agreed that a thorough hydraulic assessment of the river should to be completed before any funding for reforestation of adjacent lands are approved.

I would ask you to examine this project in depth and consider the potential impacts to adjoining landowners. Without a completed hydraulic assessment and local input by adjoining landowners and water districts, I cannot lend my support to this project.

Sincerely,



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