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Clean Water Action Alert



The Problem: The health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta is in jeopardy due to proposals to build more dams and expand reservoirs.

- ◆ During drought years and dry summer months, California diverts up to 70% of its water to agribusiness and Southern California.
- ◆ Excessive diversions have caused fish populations to plummet and many aquatic species to become endangered.
- ◆ More reservoirs and dams would further degrade the health of the Bay-Delta.
- ◆ Taxpayers would pick up the tab for the construction of additional water storage systems.

The Solution: Implement more aggressive water conservation practices before we resort to building more costly dams and reservoirs.

- ◆ Increase fresh water flows to the Bay-Delta.
- ◆ Investments in water use efficiency, such as less wasteful irrigation techniques.
- ◆ If CALFED decides to build more dams and reservoirs make those who benefit, such as large agribusiness, pay for construction.

Currently: A state and federal consortium (CALFED) is deciding the future of California's water use. The revised *Environmental Impact Report (EIR)*, summarizing the environmental impacts of additional dams and reservoirs, was recently released. The public comment period has begun and CALFED needs to hear from you!

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What You Can Do:

- ✓ Join Clean Water Action
- ✓ Submit your public comment to CALFED supporting water conservation practices before building more dams and expanding reservoirs.

CALFED Bay-Delta Program
 1416 Ninth St. Room 1155
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 State Clearinghouse Number 96032083

To Whom it May Concern,

More fresh water needs to flow through the Bay to restore habitat and the environment. It is essential that we implement more aggressive water conservation practices before CALFED decides if it should build more dams and expand existing reservoirs. These actions will cost taxpayers money and further degrade the Bay-Delta ecosystem.

Agriculture uses over 80% of the state's water supply. A small reduction in the amount of water lost to evaporation, achievable by switching to more efficient technology, can result in significant water savings.

Please invest in more water efficiency before deciding to build new dams and expand reservoirs.

Sincerely,
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Clean Water Action is a national, non-profit grassroots citizens' lobby dedicated to holding politicians and polluters accountable and working to enact and enforce better environmental laws!