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Attention: Rick Breitenbach
CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM
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Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

As a member of Cal Trout and the human race, I am obviously concerned about the decisions of CALFED because they will affect me, my family and grandchildren ad infinitum. We believe that better solutions are available than the current CALFED Phase 2 alternatives. These include an increased reliance on groundwater storage instead of new dams or reservoirs, providing water for fisheries and watersheds without building new dams, increased water conservation actions for both agriculture and municipalities, and further water quality improvements for Bay-Delta waters.

More dams is not the answer (see enclosure). 75,000 dams in the USA have come close to destroying most of our river systems and fish, birds, animals and plant life who used to live there. As the Klamath peoples counseled: "Pay attention to the landscape. Pay attention to what the animals are saying to you. Look to the long term." See enclosure re: Totem Salmon book. You should read it.

If CALFED can come up with the right solutions, perhaps a compromise can be reached that will solve all the problems facing California re: water. They surely won't go away.



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