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CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM  
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Attn: Rick Breitenbach

Re: CALFED Phase 2 Report

TO CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM:

I am writing to provide you with my comments to CALFED's recently released Phase 2 report. I am an urban dwelling member of California Trout, a fisherman, and an agricultural consumer. Please make my comments part of the record. I have three basic comments to the Phase 2 report.

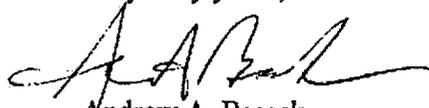
First, the report proposes major dams that will be both enormously costly and enormously harmful to the environment. To the extent that water storage concerns are driving the proposed dams, I would urge that CALFED turn to groundwater storage and conservation (especially with respect to agricultural uses) as more cost effective methods of dealing with forecasted water shortages. Along this line, the Natural Heritage Institute has identified twenty potential groundwater locations and has shown that groundwater storage and recharge programs cost \$60-\$120 per acre foot of water storage versus \$300-\$3000 for surface dams and reservoirs. I do not want my taxes being used to fund wasteful dam building projects.

Second, the actions proposed in the report don't do enough to restore/protect wildlife habitat. As a city dweller and agricultural consumer, I can assure you that I would gladly pay more for water, fruit and vegetables than to see more of our state's beautiful rivers decimated by dams.

Finally, more focus should be placed upon improving water quality in the Delta, specifically by increasing freshwater flows through the bay. The survival of the Delta's unique ecosystem depends on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



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