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Subject: Bay Delta

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Dear People:

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- > It is essential that more fresh water flow through the delta into the bay
- > to restore habitat for species unique to the fresh water/ocean water mix
- > area. These species are integral to the bay delta environment. I am
- > therefore imploring you that CALFED Bay Delta Program support and
- > implement much more aggressive water conservation practices before
- > deciding to undertake more dam and reservoir construction. The latter are
- > expensive and environmentally deleterious alternatives to conservation.
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- > As agriculture uses over 80% of the state water supply, even a small
- > reduction in the amount lost to evaporation can result in a significant
- > water savings.
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- > Please invest in more efficient technology for reducing evaporation and
- > water demand per acre of (agricultural) land. I am confident that these
- > and similar measures can wring enough additional water out of the system
- > without resorting to dam and reservoir construction.
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> Sincerely,
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