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Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow:

Please consider this letter a response to the revised CALFED Plan.

I oppose CALFED's plan to increase surface water storage in the Central Valley by raising existing dams or building new off stream storage reservoirs. CALFED's plan to raise Shasta dam would flood segments of the Upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers.

I urge CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation, and reclamation programs to stretch our existing water supplies, instead of building new dams and canals. This could be done by switching to higher value and less consumptive

crops and by installing water meters for all agricultural and urban users.

We need to preserve the beauty and ecological health of our rivers for our children and their ancestors to come.

Let's begin to resolve these problems now while we still can.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mary Jane Hedges.