Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow;

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

I am strongly opposed to CALFED's plan increase surface water storage in the Central Valley by raising existing dams or building new offstream storage reservoirs. CALFED's plan to raise Shasta dam would flood segments of the upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed Sites offstream storage reservoir would require massive amounts of water diverted from the Sacramento River.

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

I support CALFED's restoration goals for the Central Valley, including removing some facilities such as the Englebright dam, that act as barriers to migrating Salmon, acquiring important riparian habitat, and increasing instream flows for fish, wildlife, and recreation.

Building more dams and diversions will not solve ecological problems caused by dams and diversions.

Thank you for your time. Sincerely,

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