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Dear Mr Snow,

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

I oppose CALFED plan to increase surface water storage in the central valley by raising existing dams or building new offstream storage reservoirs. CALFED plans to raise Shasta dam would flood segments of the upper Sacramento & McCloud rivers. CALFED proposed sites offstream storage reservoir would require massive east diversions 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 & canals. This could be done by switching to higher value and less water consumption crops and by installing water meters for all agricultural and urban use.

I support CALFED proposed restoration goals for the central valley, including removing some facilities such as the Englebright dam, that act as barriers to migrating salmons, acquiring important riparian habitat and increasing instream flows for fish, wildlife and recreation.

We cannot solve the ecological problems caused by dams and diversions by building more dams and diversions.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing your position on this issue.

Sincerely,

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