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Lester Snow
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Dear Mr. Snow,

I am writing this letter in 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 sigments of the upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed sites off stream storage reservoir would require massive water 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 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.

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

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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 your reply, as I am anxious to hear your position on this issue.

Sincerely,

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