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Lester Snow 8/28/99
Executive Director, CALFED
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Dear Mr. Snow,

I oppose CALFED's plan to increase surface water storage in the Central Valley by raising existing Dams & building new offstream storage reservoirs. CALFED's plan to raise Shasta dam would flood segments of the upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. ~~CALFED~~ CALFED's proposed Sites offstream storage reservior would require massive water diversions from the Sacremento 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 proposed 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 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.

Sincerely,

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