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DEAR MR. SNOW:

ALLOW ME TO RESPOND TO THE REVISED CALFED PLAN.

I DO NOT WANT THE STATE TO INCREASE SURFACE WATER STORAGE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY BY RAISING EXISTING DAMS OR BY BUILDING NEW OFFSTREAM STORAGE RESEVOIRS. THE PLAN TO RAISE SHASTA DAM WOULD FLOOD PARTS OF THE UPPER SACRAMENTO AND MCCLOUD RIVERS. CALFED'S PLAN WOULD REQUIRE MASSIVE WATER DIVERSIONS FROM THE SACRAMENTO RIVER. I AM OPPOSED TO THIS PLAN.

I URGE CALFED TO EXPAND WATER EFFICIENCY, CONSERVATION, AND RECLAMATION PROGRAMS TO STRETCH OUR EXISTING WATER SUPPLIES, INSTEAD OF BUILDING NEW DAMS AND CANALS. WE COULD ACHIEVE THIS BY SWITCHING TO HIGHER VALUE AND LESS WATER CONSUMPTIVE CROPS AND BY INSTALLING WATER METERS FOR ALL AGRICULTURAL AND URBAN USERS,

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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 INSTREAM FLOWS FOR FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RECREATION.

DAMS AND THE DIVERSIONS CAUSED BY NEW DAMS CANNOT SOLVE THE ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS.

THANK YOU FOR LISTENING AND RESPONDING WITH CONSIDERATION.

SINCERELY,

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