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Dear Mr. Snow,

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

I oppose CALFED's plan to build new dams or raise existing dams to increase surface water supply of the Central Valley. The plan to raise Shasta dam would flood segments of the upper Sacramento & McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed offstream reservoir would divert too much water from the Sacramento River.

I urge CALFED to increase water efficiency, conservation, and reclamation programs. This would stretch our current water supply instead of building new dams. Agricultural

use can be reduced by switching to less water-consumptive crops and by installing water meters for all agricultural & urban users.

I support CALFED's restoration goals for the Central Valley, including the removal of some facilities, such as the Englebright dam, that prevent salmon from migrating and destroy previous riparian habitat.

We cannot solve the ecological problem of dams and diversions by building more of the same.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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