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Dear Mr. Snow -

I do not agree with CALFED's plans to increase the surface storage in the Central Valley by increasing the height of existing dams or building new storage reservoirs. CALFED's plan to raise Shasta dam would flood upper Sacramento and McCloud rivers. CALFED's proposed Sites offstream storage reservoir would require tremendous water diversions from the Sacramento River.

I would recomend CALFED to expand water efficiency, conservation, and reclamation programs to stretch the existing water supplies instead of building new dams and canals. This could possibly be done by switching to higher value and less water consumption crops by installing water meters for all agricultural and urban users.

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However, I do support CALFED's proposed restoration goals for the Central Valley, including the removal of some facilities such as the Englebright dam, that acts as a barrier to migrating salmon, acquiring important riparian habitat, and increasing instream flows for fish, wildlife, and recreation.

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

I appreciate you taking the time and consideration. Thank you. I would like to hear your position on this issue.

Sincerely,

Sonja Neill