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LETTER TO
EDITOR

With all Valley interests now prepared to work together in Washington for the most reasonable solution, Doolittle has an interesting choice: Accept 1.5 million Sacramentans' right to self-governance, or play out the role of petulant political obstructionist and saboteur. Either way, the Valley will prevail.

--Greg Vlasek, Carmichael

The Auburn dam has been a dream of many people for years. Unfortunately, most supporters of this project expect a huge windfall from the Potentates on the Potomac to pay for it. Due to funds not being appropriated, we keep waiting like a bridesmaid hoping to catch the bouquet. Every time the federal government returns a portion of your own money to you, it comes with many onerous strings attached since, as we all know, people in Washington, D.C., are much more intelligent than the rest of us peons.

Instead of allowing the Washington windbags to give us a tutorial on how the dam should be built and managed, why not allow California voters the opportunity to approve a bond issue that would pay for the project? We keep hearing that local government is better and more responsive. Why not begin the process with the Auburn dam?

--Carl E. Hass, Rocklin

Delta visions

The three alternatives proposed by CalFed ("Coalition to unveil visions for Delta," March 12) share a feature costly to taxpayers: They will all send more heavily subsidized Sacramento River water down to wealthy farm corporations in the San Joaquin Valley. Why not allow citizens to vote on a fourth proposal with only those features designed for flood control, safe drinking water and environmental restoration? I'm sure taxpayers would much prefer this fourth proposal, since we would only pay for what we need.

--Stephen C. Deering, Sacramento

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