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RE: Comments on CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Dear Mr. Snow:

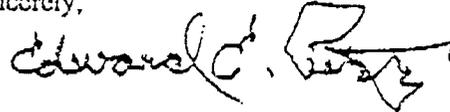
The further away the source of your water comes from, the more chances you have of contaminants. On the other hand, the further away the source of your water comes from with quality controls, the more beneficial uses you have.

Assessments:

1. Additional storage above or at Millerton Lake has many benefits for assessments. It will restore 20 miles of habitat and wildlife, 11 miles between Gravel Ford and Mendota Pool, and also below Foso Irrigation District.
2. Water quality for fish in Mendota Pool, mainly croppie, black bass, stripers and many varieties of catfish.
3. Bring back salmon to the San Joaquin River in a natural way, as before.
4. Replace water at 20 miles of aquifers for domestic and ag use.
5. Dilute waters from the San Luis Drain.
6. It would not be necessary to complete the San Luis Drain.
7. Help flush the grasslands area.
8. Keep more water in the Delta for intrusion.
9. More surface water area above or at Millerton Lake for recreation.
10. Better quality water for irrigation - Central Valley region.

11. If necessary could increase flows east side Chowchilla Bypass, which is 35 miles long to replenish the aquifers of the east side.
12. Better water quality for reverse flows from Mendota Dam to San Joaquin Tranquility, south of Mendota by way of ~~the James Bypass~~. **James Bypass**
13. With consistent flows from Millerien Lake, then they could pump water east from the aquifers of Mendota as long as they don't have land subsidence or third-party effects.
14. More power with additional storage for everyone concerned.
15. ^{THIS} ~~They~~ should put a smile on all CALFED Council member's faces.

Sincerely,



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