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Lester Snow, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Snow:

I would like to make the following comments regarding the CALFED Bay-Delta Program's Draft Preferred Program Alternative.

A reliable and affordable water supply is the economic backbone of the entire state. Any proposal affecting the future of California's water must address this critical point.

The fundamental water needs of the people, farms and businesses in California are not met by the CALFED Bay Delta Program's Draft Preferred Program Alternative. This plan feigns to bring a synthesis between competing needs for water quality, water supply, and the environment but the end result is far from achieving this balance. Rather, this plan places animals and plants above the needs of people.

An acceptable plan will include new in-stream storage that will retain sufficient winter run-off for use in drought years. Water is not useable once it flows into the ocean. Without the inclusion of increased water storage, no plan will adequately supply water for California or carry my support.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on this important issue.

Sincerely,



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