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Hello Water Resources Director Tom Hannigan

I'm writing to you about California's water, so you will hear from me, a resident that's lived here all my life, along with the developers and agribusiness interests at your door.

I think one grand example of the potential for a very productive balance between the vast web of this state's water interests resides with the success story of Mono Lake's recent return from near ecological death, to growing ecological health, in a very short number of years. Environmentalists, scientists, LA Water District, and the residents of Los Angeles, to name a few of the threads, have changed their course from a less enlightened era of massive dam and canal building, and revived a priceless natural resource in the process. It can be done.

I hope you will also see it as a good metaphor for this state's water future. We can truly have healthy beautiful rivers, and ample clean water for families, farms, and businesses.

So I urge you to support that future direction through a vehicle which can get us there. Please support the CALFED Bay/Delta program. Invest in water efficiency now, instead of the old course of dam building. Help restore our rivers and bays by providing adequate fresh water to them. Improve water quality by enforcing pollution limits.

Please guide us towards the potential demonstrated by the remarkable cooperative triumph of Mono Lake.

Lead us towards a future that protects the natural water resources we have, and mends those damages of the past. We can live in balance.

The CALFED program points that way for the next 50 years.

Hopefully



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