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DEAR GOVERNOR DAVIS,

CALIFORNIA'S POPULATION GROWTH IS STRAINING OUR ABILITY TO BUILD A SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY. WE MUST MANAGE OUR NATURAL RESOURCES EXTREMELY CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ALLOW ANY MORE GROWTH AND NOT DESTROY OUR BEAUTIFUL STATE THAT 33 MILLION OF US CALL HOME.

I URGE YOU TO LISTEN TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY CONCERNING THE CALFED BAY/DELTA PROGRAM. WE MUST BEGIN TO CHART A NEW COURSE IN WATER POLICY, ONE WHICH ALLOWS OUR NATURAL SYSTEMS TO REMAIN INTACT. TO DO THIS WE MUST MAKE WATER USAGE MORE EFFICIENT AND ENCOURAGE WATER RE-USE AND RECYCLING. WE MUST START TO RESTORE OUR RIVERS, BAYS, AND ESTUARIES AND ALLOW ADEQUATE FRESH WATER FLOWS; THEIR WATERSHEDS SHOULD BE MANAGED TO PROTECT OUR CLEAN WATER. WATER QUALITY IMPROVEMENTS BENEFIT BOTH PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE, AND POLLUTION LIMITS MUST BE ENFORCED.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT WE STOP FUNDING STUDIES FOR NEW DAMS AND RESERVOIRS, I THINK CALIFORNIA HAS ENOUGH OF THEM. LET'S START THINKING IN NEW WAYS ON HOW TO PROTECT WHAT'S LEFT OF OUR NATURAL SYSTEMS AND BENEFITTING PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE.

THANKS!

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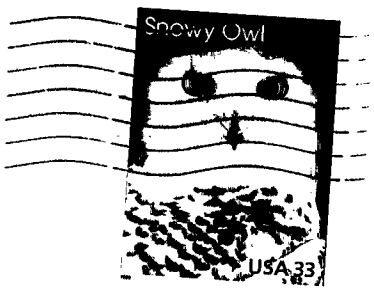

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