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CALFED
Mr. Lester Snow, Director
State of California
1416 Ninth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

I am extremely upset that CALFED is seriously considering enlarging or constructing 23 dams and reservoirs throughout the state, signaling the death-knell for California's endangered salmon and steelhead. We don't need any more boondoggles that emulate the Auburn dam on the American River or a \$3.8 billion enlargement of Shasta dam on the Sacramento River to meet the state's perceived need for water or flood management.

California's water needs through the year 2020 can be best met by a renewed commitment to water conservation, water recycling, and by ending state and federal subsidies for agricultural or industrial water use. Likewise, innovative programs including levee setbacks, expanded bypass reaches, restored wetlands, restricting development in floodplains, and wiser use of our existing dams can meet the state's needs for flood management.

Sincerely,



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