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Dear Mr. Snow:

I am writing about CALFED's proposal to increase water impoundment through additional dams and reservoir enlargement. It's hard to believe that this is a serious proposal when there is *so much* evidence that existing dams and past practices have damaged our streams and environment so severely. Enlargement of the programs and practices which have brought this about is unconscionable in my view. It shatters the hope that our children will be able to enjoy the natural environment and, in my opinion, threatens their ultimate well being.

It's time to consider alternatives to simply taking more of a resource that is already overstrained. I implore you to develop plans that will allocate existing water supplies consistent with the real value of the resource. Please don't proceed with the old ways just to please a constituency that has been able to use water without regard to its real value.

The environment seems to have no consideration in business analyses, which invariably have short-term objectives and simplistic rationale. Please act not just for those interests, but for future generations. If you do, you will change your recommendation and save California's streams.

Sincerely,

