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September 13, 1999

Mr. Lester Snow
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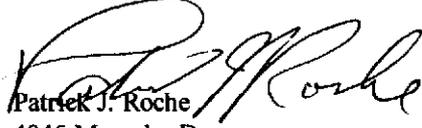
Dear Sir,

The current CALFED Bay-Delta planning is entirely based on the assumption that the only solution to California's water problems is the development of new sources, storage and transmission. This is short sighted and unrealistic planning. There is a limit to the amount of water available as proven by our recent droughts. The development of storage and transmission must, by its very nature, destroy our natural habitat, fisheries and cause other environmental damage. We have reached a point where these losses are no longer acceptable.

The entire program overlooks the most obvious "source" of additional water, the waste streams from our cities. Why should we destroy northern California while the Los Angeles area pours millions of gallons of treatable, reusable water into the ocean. It is as easy to pump treated water back over the Tehachapis as it is to pump fresh water south. This water is not a waste to be thrown away. Look to Tucson AZ. They treat their waste and use it on green belts, parks, golf courses and other non-direct contact areas. Look to our central valley prisons where the waste stream is used to grow hay and other crops. We can treat the Los Angeles waste streams and use the water for almost all agricultural purpose. The cost? Probably not more than development of proposed CALFED solutions. But you will not know if you don't look at the whole solution.

There is no way I can support a half considered plan, look at the whole picture please.

Sincerely,


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Mr. Lester Snow, *Executive Director*
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Dear Mr. Snow,

Your agency's bias towards further dam construction poses a grave peril to California's wild fish, including its native salmon, trout and steelhead.

While we all understand that human needs must be balanced with the needs of animals, there is no balance in destroying California's rivers and streams for the benefit of agribusiness giants.

The millions of Californians who enjoy, and depend on, California's outdoors don't need more dams — they need better water conservation and management.

I urge you to use the forces of the free market to encourage the development of new efficiencies. This will save California's wilderness, boost conservation, and benefit everyone in the long run. Please write me back to let me know where you stand on this important issue.

Very truly yours,

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