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DEAR ASS'T. DIRECTOR BREITENBACH,

CALIFORNIA'S WATER NEEDS CAN BE MET WITHOUT BUILDING COSTLY & ENVIRONMENTALLY DESTRUCTIVE DAMS AND RESERVOIRS!

CALFED'S NEW DRAFT EIR HAS PROBLEMS! THE EIR HAS: 1) MURKY PROVISIONS FOR RESTORATION OF RIVERS, DELTA, BAY & BAY FISHERIES. (WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL WATER ACCOUNT?) 2) EIR HAS A BIAS TOWARD DAMS, WHICH ARE USUALLY COSTLY & ALMOST ALWAYS ECOLOGICALLY DESTRUCTIVE, 3) EIR WOULD USE TAX DOLLARS TO UNFAIRLY SUBSIDIZE AGRICULTURAL AND/OR URBAN WATER USERS, 4) EIR NEEDS BETTER WAY TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY, 5) EIR'S ANALYSIS OF WATER DEMAND IS FLAWED AND THUS INFLATED.

PLEASE PROTECT WATER QUALITY AND DO NOT SIMPLY CAVE IN TO CORPORATE INTERESTS.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA IS ALREADY ENVIRONMENTALLY AND HYDROLOGICALLY VASTLY OVERDRAWN. PLEASE DO NOT DESTROY NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TO COMPENSATE FOR ERRORS IN OVERDEVELOPMENT THAT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS MADE.

THANK YOU.

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