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Attention: Rick Breitenbach

I am writing to urge you to improve on the current proposals. I believe that better solutions to the State's water needs are available than the CALFED Phase 2 alternatives. I urge you to implement:

- Increased reliance on groundwater storage instead of raising or building new dams
- Increased water for fisheries and river ecosystems
- Increased water conservation for agriculture and municipalities
- Improvements to water quality in the Bay-Delta waters

The amount of water wasted through inefficient pricing, poor irrigation practices, and deleterious political incentives on agriculture alone is mind numbing.

It is poignant to note that as more dams are being considered, the Pacific Northwest is removing them! The quality of life in California requires longer term thinking and complex solutions to our water issues.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Edward C. Pope