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DEAR MR SNIDER,

I AM WRITING TO EXPRESS MY OBJECTION TO THE INCREASE IN SURFACE WATER STORAGE IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY BY RAISING EXISTING DAMS OR BUILDING NEW OFF STREAM RESERVOIRS. I WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT MORE THOUGHT BE GIVEN TO CHANGING THE CROP SELECTION GROWN IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY, TO CROPS WHICH CONSUME LESS WATER AND PROVIDE HIGHER YIELDS. ADDITIONALLY THE IMPLICATION OF USER FEES FOR ALL AGRICULTURAL AND RESIDENTIAL CONSUMERS WOULD HELP IN THE CONSERVATION OF THIS VALUABLE RESOURCE. THE WATER AVAILABLE IN CALIFORNIA MUST BE MANAGED IN A FASHION WHICH PROVIDES EQUITY FOR ALL WHETHER THAT BE BUSINESSES OR RECREATIONAL USERS.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME & CONSIDERATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR RESPONSE AND POSITION ON THIS ISSUE OVER

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