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Jester Snow
Executive Director, CALFED
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Dear Mr. Snow,

I am writing in response to the revised CALFED plan.

I oppose CALFED's focus on increased surface water storage and the diversion of water from the Sacramento River for use of Central Valley agricultural users & urban users throughout Southern California.

Over the past 100 years, I believe that California has sacrificed precious animal habitat and free-flowing rivers in order to accommodate increased population growth. Most of this growth has occurred in Southern California, where the water resources will not support the population. It is time to draw the line & say that we cannot enable unlimited growth at the expense of ecological integrity.

I support expanded water efficiency, conservation & reclamation programs that cost relatively little. They are also based in

the reality that our resources are limited & that we all depend on a healthy environment.

I also support CALFED's proposed restoration goals for the Central Valley, including removing some facilities such as the Englebright Dam.

Many believe that we can live separately from our environment, that we can kill or endanger species w/o hurting ourselves. I do not believe this.

Thank you for your time and energy reviewing my concerns. Yours is not an easy job. I look forward to hearing your position on environmental protection, & I hope you will have the courage to take the long term view

- Mark Wetther
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