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Dear Sirs:

Let me commend you on your plan to restore the Bay Delta and our magnificent salmon fisheries here in California, and also meet our state's water needs for the future. While I support your goals for this plan, I cannot support your means to achieve these goals.

First, I am against any new dams being built on any of our rivers or their tributaries. Many of the problems that your plan addresses were caused by dams blocking our rivers and, subsequently, the spawning runs of salmon. Further manipulating an already over-manipulated landscape is not the answer. We need to explore all of our alternatives beginning with the easiest and cheapest. I believe there are more environmentally sound solutions in conservation, recycling, groundwater storage, and watershed management and restoration.

Second, I would urge you to support fair water pricing based on usage. This would encourage water conservation by rewarding those who conserve while those who waste water are charged a premium. This would especially be effective in agribusiness where most of this waste occurs. We need to make water conservation a sound business practice and stop subsidizing these huge corporations who take advantage of legislation that was meant for the small farmer.

Lastly, we should reduce pollution of our waters at the source instead of spending billions in treatment facilities. Also, you should discourage development in areas that are already over-developed by ***not*** guaranteeing water for these areas unless certain "quality of life" issues are addressed.

Again, I would like to thank you for addressing these important issues and allowing the public to respond to them. This process is an important element in our democratic society which gives us all a voice in important decisions. I know the decisions your organization needs to make are not easy ones and will not please everyone. But it is time for a new paradigm and CALFED has an opportunity to lead the way into a future that can balance the needs of all living creatures on our planet. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

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