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Dear Mr. Breitenbach,

Gray Panthers of Sacramento urges you to see that CALFED adopts a plan that will maximize water efficiency and conservation efforts at the same time, based on realistic and honest assumptions of need.

We must focus on the overall effect of dams and low stream flows as well as water quality for our citizens. Protecting our rivers, removing barrier dams, and opposing habitat destruction are measures not just for fish and wildlife - they are measures that protect the health and life of all of us! We support any projects which purchase habitat, remove barrier dams, and improve those existing riparian and wetland habitats that have been degraded by humans.

Anyone who travels about our state or region can see with their own eyes what we have done with ill-advised development and projects that rob the environment to pay the developer. We expand like mosquitos on a humid day - who cares where or how much, just expand! It is hard to find place where man has not left a footprint, a crumpled sign or an ugle bottle. We can use CAL Fed Bay-Delta Program to make a difference with a well-thought out project.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

Joan B. Lee
Chairperson