

Dear Mr. Lester A. Snow

I am writing as a concerned citizen of California. I urge the Department of Water Resources to reject the proposed project outlined in the Draft Monterey Plus Environmental Impact Report.

Permanent implementation of the State Water Project contract amendments would endanger water supply reliability and encourage further damage to the fragile Bay Delta Estuary.

By adopting the proposed project and eliminating drought safeguards while inflating the expectation of Delta water deliveries, the State is recklessly increasing the demand for Delta water. When laws are enforced and dry years occur, those communities that trusted DWRs promise of water will be left with serving more people with less water.

I urge DWR to adopt a more responsible alternative for California. DWR can help regions across the state prepare for dry times and reduce reliance on Delta water by:

- * Providing a realistic assessment of the safe yield of water from Delta.

- * Assisting communities decrease demand from the Delta and increase drought water reliability through aggressive implementation of urban water conservation, agricultural water conservation, water recycling and other innovative techniques. The States own water plan demonstrates that urban water use efficiency and water recycling could provide about 4.5 million acre feet of water for California.

If DWR adopt these proposed amendments and avoids its responsibly to the water users of California, DWR will shifted a great burden to the public and local communities. Even more importantly, DWR will ensure the continued degradation of the Bay Delta Estuary while decrease drought water reliability across the state.

We urge you to implement an alternative that better serves California.

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