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When dealing with natural resources, and practically every other resource, the bottom line should be to make the best use of what we have got. Therefore, the current plan is woefully lacking in a master plan for conservation of water resources. Secondly, to look at this vital resource out of context with preservation of wildlife and their habitat, is incredibly shortsighted. Taking care of the big picture when maintaining natural resources is inevitably better for every species.

Please take another look at the recommendations of the Water Conservation and Implementation Task Force and back them up with tax based incentives to get things moving NOW.

We, the hard working, cash strapped tax payers DO NOT WANT ANY HIGH DOLLAR RESERVOIRS. We DO WANT COMMON SENSE low tech management systems of conservation and care that will restore and protect the essentials: address any problems with in flow streams and restore and protect bays and estuaries.

What is a state water plan without urgent attention to drought management?

How refreshing it would be if our state government could demonstrate the wisdom of our farming ancestry of 100 years ago and take care of our place. Get back to the basics, if you would, Sir, and restrain those who endorse the grandiose big ticket items until we have exhausted our underutilized skills of conservation and maintenance.

Thank you for your public service, and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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