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Subject: State Water Plan

Dear Mr. Roberts,

I am writing to express my concerns about the Draft 2007 State Water Plan. I am disappointed that the Draft Plan does not strike an appropriate balance in meeting water needs at a reasonable cost while also protecting our natural heritage.

The Plan doesn't provide for aggressive water conservation, doesn't factor in savings from drought management, doesn't protect our agricultural and natural resources, and doesn't meet water needs at a reasonable cost.

The Plan also relies too heavily on reservoirs and other new projects.

Instead, the Plan should take into account the water savings and the cost savings possible by using drought management measures, for instance.

As you finalize the 2007 Plan, I urge you to reconsider its shortsighted vision of water planning, as well as the consequences of planning in a way that drains our state of its finances and potentially harms our natural resources.

I have also forwarded my comments about this Plan to Rep. Dawna Dukes and Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos.

Thank you for your time,

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