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The Hon. James Baker
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Dear Jimmy:

I write to ask for your help in urging the President to sign the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act of 1992 into law.

As you know, the 40-title Reclamation Projects Act -- more than four years in the making -- was passed by the 102nd Congress prior to adjournment last week. Hailed by the Wall Street Journal as a "landmark bill on water use," the Act is of import and significance to virtually every western state. Among its many titles are increased cost-ceilings for the long-delayed completion of the Central Utah Project; critical repair funding for siphon problems affecting water supplies of the Central Arizona Project; protection of the Grand Canyon's stream and riparian resources through modified operations at Glen Canyon Dam; critical safeguards for rural water supplies and refuges in Colorado's San Luis Valley; settlement of Indian water rights claims in four western states; and improved water quality in the Canadian River as it flows into Lake Meredith, Texas. The \$2 billion Act also represents a true investment in the future, protecting or creating more than 30,000 jobs directly and another 60,000 or more in supporting industries and services. It is, as aptly described by the The Denver Post, nothing less than "a watershed law."

The Act is not, alas, without controversy. In particular, Title XXXIV -- The Central Valley Project (CVP) Improvement Act -- is opposed by many, including Interior Secretary Lujan and Governor Pete Wilson of California. Yet the Senate's 83-8 vote in favor of the Act suggests something more than simple support for the above West-wide priorities: it belies a growing recognition that our nation's environmental health and economic health are intimately linked, and that the fiscal and policy priorities of the 1940s simply cannot, and will not, serve us well in the 1990s and beyond. In this regard, it is important to note that the CVP Improvement Act enjoys some of its strongest support from California's business community due to substantial reliance on the water-rights marketplace as the surest, least-cost, and possibly only way to gain urban-sector access to

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California's federally-developed water. (The California Business Roundtable, for example, urged Senate conferees to support the Act specifically because of its water-marketing provisions. Though little publicized, the Act also relies substantially upon voluntary market transactions to meet long-term fish and wildlife needs.)

I understand that the President may be urged to veto this important legislation due to a statement he made in Fresno, California, last May -- i.e., that the Miller-Bradley legislation "is unacceptable...and I wouldn't sign it." Please note that the President also said (in the same statement) that he was looking for a way to "move forward with implementation of a more sensible approach." In that regard, I'm sure you know that the Act passed by Congress this month is substantially changed from the bill that the President was talking about back in May. It contains many significant changes to protect and (even to benefit) CVP water and power beneficiaries, including guaranteed 25-year contract renewals; protection of court-decreed water rights; "area of origin" and "third-party" water-transfer limitations and assurances; water and power user implementation cost ceilings; more modest pricing reforms; and substantial modifications in the amount and treatment of "up front" environmental water. It also contains a larger and more workable Restoration Fund, whose creation will be lauded as a model for market-based environmental initiatives. On balance, I am sure that the Act as passed meets the President's concerns for a "more sensible" and balanced approach to CVP reform.

I hope that the President will sign this all-important legislation, and I do believe that he can be proud of doing so. I think it would be fair to characterize the CVP Improvement Act as one that is designed to "let the marketplace prosper," from improved environmental baselines to guaranteed 25-year contract renewals to the clarified rights of individuals to use or sell their water. Surely such a package is in keeping with the President's own environmental and economic priorities. Surely the Act is more in the long-term interest of those who now oppose it than continuation of a hopelessly grid-locked, crisis-oriented status quo.

Please help if you possibly can.

Sincerely,


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Dear Tim Lake:

There was a nice article
in the Bakersfield Californian this
morning about you.

Since we need all the
help we can get to have the
President Veto Bill H.R. 429 -

As you know water is
the life blood of this Valley.

My dad started the CVP in the
30s, If this bill is not
Veto the CVP will be destroyed.

Thanks for your help

Harold Nelson

RTI Box 900

Delano, Calif

For \$200 apiece, the crowd at California State University, Bakersfield, also heard the likes of former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, Walter Cronkite, Andy Rooney, Robert MacNeil, Jerry Goodman, Rich Little, Cliff Robertson, Zig Zigar, the comedy troupe Capitol Steps and singer Melissa Manchester.

But it was Schwarzkopf's keynote speech that stole the show. A video vignette of the gulf war whipped the crowd into a frenzy before he took the stage amid a minute-long standing ovation. He immediately took charge with a 30-minute speech focusing on the keys to successful leadership.

"All leaders want to be loved," Schwarzkopf said. "But it's far more important to be respected by the people you're leading."

He also urged the crowd to embrace two of his adopted credos:

- Rule 13 — When put in command, take charge.
- Rule 14 — Do what's right.

"That's the essence of leadership that we must have today," Schwarzkopf said. "Do something! Take charge! ... We all know in our gut what the right thing to do is."

With the presidential election little more than a week away, Schwarzkopf slipped in a veiled attack on Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton, whose character has been the subject of repeated attacks.

"Competence is important, but if you lead people, character is more important," he said to rising cheers. "Leadership involves ethics, integrity, morality. ... In a time of crisis, it's character that you're going to have to depend upon."

Only when late-afternoon winds began to pick up and ripple the fabric on the 80,000-square-foot tent was the crowd's attention diverted. But Schwarzkopf quickly quelled any uneasiness.

"Don't worry about this," Schwarzkopf said. "I bring storms, but they don't last very long."

Laughter also followed the retired general's lament that his new book, "It Doesn't Take a Hero," was released the same week as Madonna's much-publicized photo album, "Sex."

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lied nations' Persian Gulf war effort, was greeted a standing ovation Saturday

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Bush seeks right 'spin'

Manager puts out campaign message

By KATHERINE SHAVER
States News Service

WASHINGTON — Eleven days and counting, Jim Lake last week was dig-
ging in for the fight.

With his boss, George Bush, bat-
tling to keep his job
and trailing in the
polls, the former Ba-
kersfield resident has
been trying to dis-
prove the pundits al-
ready writing the
president's political
obituary.

"I understand 'Nightline' was very
good to us last night," Lake says to an



Lake

assistant as he breezes into his office
tucked in a corner of the frenetic
Bush/Quayle '92 campaign headquar-
ters.

"It was," she answers, handing him
a videotape of the show. "Now, what do
you want to do about 'Frontline'?"

With a reporter in the room, Lake
lowers his voice. He keeps the cam-
paign's media strategy to himself and
his aides.

As the president's deputy campaign
manager in charge of "spin," Lake
works to get out the GOP's Message of
the Day in one clear, strong, and consis-
tent voice on as many television screens
and front pages as possible.

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truly artful, and in Hollywood, nobody does them better than Ovitz," the magazine says of the Creative Artists Agency boss, who tops the annual Power 101 listing.

Ovitz's 700 big-name clients include Kevin Costner, Tom Cruise and Madonna — all listed among the top powerbrokers.

That's enough to keep him ahead of Time-Warner's second-ranked duo, Steven J. Ross and Gerald M. Levin.

The only celebrity in the top 10 was Madonna, at No. 10. Oprah Winfrey was right behind at No. 11.

Group honors Cronkite

LOS ANGELES — Veteran newsman Walter Cronkite was honored by the International Documentary Association on Friday for his "outstanding contribution to broadcast journalism and the documentary form."



Cronkite serves as narrator and executive editor of a videotape and book encyclopedia about the 20th century. He retired from CBS News in 1981.

IDA President Jon Wilkman praised the former CBS anchorman for his "ability to communicate to wide audiences."

Cronkite currently serves as narrator and executive editor of a videotape and book encyclopedia about the 20th century. He retired from CBS News in 1981.

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BUSH: Message honed

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These days, Lake is spinning faster, and faster. Instead of touting the president's criticisms of Democratic nominee Bill Clinton as untrustworthy, the press lately has been focusing on national polls depicting the president as the underdog. Washington newspapers are describing gloomy, beleaguered Bush campaign workers, and administration officials rushing out resumes to the private sector.

And that's not the message Lake wants to get out.

"It's never fun to be behind," he concedes.

But ever the Bush spinmeister, Lake sees the positive side: "I've been in campaigns where two days out I was 11 points ahead and lost by two points," he says. "In 1980 Ronald Reagan at this point in time was eight points behind Jimmy Carter and won by 10 points. We're not very far behind eight points now ... and in a lot of states it's very, very close."

"It's my job to keep people understanding that it's never over until the final ballot is cast," he adds.

The 1955 Bakersfield High School graduate and 1957 Bakersfield College alum is a longtime GOP operative. He helps run Robinson, Lake, Lerer & Montgomery, a Washington and New York City firm that advises companies and organizations on publicity. Clients include Sun Diamond Growers of Pleasanton, Calcot cotton marketing cooperative in Bakersfield and the Central Valley Water Project Association.

Some of those business connections have drawn fire from Democrats and government watchdog groups. Singled out for particular criticism was his company's work for the principal owners of the scandal-plagued Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI) and for the Japan Auto Parts Industry Association.

"He's known as pretty bright, but he's also best known as a walking conflict of interest," says Bob Boorstin, deputy communications director for the Clinton campaign. "Essentially in the mornings he works for Bush and in the afternoon he works for the Japan Auto Parts group," Boorstin adds. "You'd hope (Bush campaign officials) at least wouldn't be involved in shipping jobs overseas if they're working for a president who's talking about building more American jobs."

Lake, who volunteers at the campaign, still keeps up his business, beginning every morning at 6 in his firm's office before heading to the campaign headquarters two hours later. If Bush wins, Lake says, he has no desire to work in the next administration, saying he is anxious to get back to his company full time.

But if he wouldn't have a White House office during a second Bush term, he probably wouldn't have any trouble getting his phone calls returned either.

"Once every four years I like to assist the candidate of my party in running for the presidency," he says, "but I do like my business ... I'll keep my (Bush campaign) friendships, and if I have suggestions to make I'll make them to the appropriate people in the White House or wherever."

In the Bush-Quayle campaign quarters in downtown Washington, the 55-year-old, charcoal gray-suited Lake stands out against a sea of casually clad 20-something volunteers scurrying around and answering constantly ringing phones.

During the recent series of televised debates, Lake and his crew set up 675 local TV stations across the country with live satellite interviews of Bush operatives telling why the president won each debate. He estimates that the president's spinners got the "Bush won" message out to almost 250 stations each night on the 11 o'clock news.

"A good day is when the evening news has the president out saying something we want him to say and the news correspondent says George Bush was really on," Lake says.

And a bad day? "Bad stories, bad poll numbers, a leak in the newspapers that's harmful."

With his sixth presidential election just about complete, "I have as much enthusiasm and youthful vigor as I did on the first campaign I ever worked on for Ronald Reagan."

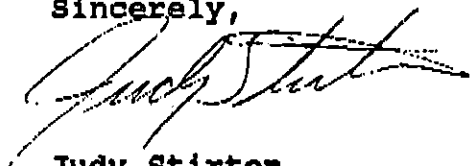
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RE: HR 429 VETO !!

Dear Mr. President,

I live and work in central California. The Water Bill HR 429 would be devastating to our area's economy. As you know, we have had a 6 year draught and then a terrible freeze not long ago. This is the perfect bill for line item veto. But, if that can't happen, please do not sign this bill. The other water legislation will eventually get through, and without crippling the agriculture of america.

Sincerely,



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PS. Good Luck ! Nov 3

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VIA FAX

Dear Mr. President:

The California Business Roundtable strongly supports the free market principles espoused in H.R. 429.

Please sign the bill.

Yours sincerely,

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We need our water in the San Joaquin Valley for our farms. Our economy strongly depends on the farming industries.

PLEASE VETO HR 429

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HR 11



October 23, 1992

Honorable James A. Baker, III
Chief of Staff
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Subject: HR11 and HR5334

Dear Mr. Baker:

I respectfully request your support for the President to sign the Tax Bill (HR11) and the Housing Bill (HR5334). Together these bills will provide affordable housing in rural America through the low income housing tax credit and the FmHA Section 515 Rural Rental Housing Program.

The bills also will spawn growth in the construction industry, already suffering a decline. The Tax Bill is revenue neutral, and I feel coincides with the President's position on no new taxes.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Gordon Burns/mjk

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HR 11
LINCOLN PROPERTY COMPANY N.C., INC.



October 22, 1992

Chief of Staff James Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker:

I strongly urge that the President sign H.R. 11 into law. It contains at least four key provisions that bring back a certain degree of tax equity to real estate.

The Section 108 relief will also help the RTC in restructuring deals and will bring back some liquidity to the real estate market.

Without these changes many real estate companies face bankruptcy.

Please, help us.

Very truly yours,

LINCOLN PROPERTY COMPANY N.C., INC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Stuart L. Leeder", is written over the company name.

Stuart L. "Sandy" Leeder
Vice President - Financial Services
and Corporate Controller

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October 23, 1992

BY TELECOPIER (202-456-2461)

Mr. James A. Baker
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The White House
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Dear Jim:

I am writing to you to urge the President to sign H.R. 11, the compromise tax package which was passed by Congress earlier this month.

While I support the President's view that the bill contains some flaws, on balance, the Country will be better off if the bill is enacted.

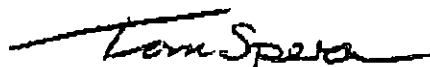
In particular, I would like to bring to your attention that passage of the debt restructuring provisions contained in the bill is critical to the recovery of the New England economy. As a member of the Tax Policy Committee of the National Realty Committee and a practicing attorney who has worked on the largest bank holding company failure in New England, Bank of New England, and numerous other bankruptcies and restructurings, I can state from knowledge and experience that the debt restructuring provisions offer a window of opportunity for owners of troubled real estate to work with banks, insurance companies, and pension funds to restore solvency to the New England real estate economy. Without the legislation, I fear that the enormous tax burden these owners now face will only increase the number of bankruptcies and bank failures and reduce ultimately the amount of tax revenues. I want to emphasize that the debt restructuring provisions have the effect only of deferring these tax burdens, not eliminating them. Enactment of the provisions will provide a greater likelihood that the Treasury will ultimately recover the taxes.

I encourage you to speak to your former colleagues at Andrews & Kurth, with whom I worked on the Bank of New England failure, to obtain a clearer view of the state of the New England economy and the need to stabilize the real estate industry in the region.

Mr. James A. Baker
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My best wishes to you and the President.

Very truly yours,


Thomas M. Spera

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Mr. James A. Baker, III
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RE: ARIZONA; THE GRAND CANYON; SCOTTSDALE; SAN
CARLOS APACHE TRIBE AND H.R. 429

Dear Mr. Baker:

I am sorry that we have not yet been able to speak on the telephone. I understand how busy you are. I am deeply concerned about reports that President Bush is considering vetoing H.R. 429, the Reclamation Projects Authorization and Adjustment Act, despite the fact that virtually every state west of the Mississippi is in favor of him signing it.

This bill will greatly benefit the State of Arizona, as it contains 1) the Grand Canyon Protection Act; 2) provisions to assure that the federal government lives up to its obligations with regard to construction problems on the Central Arizona Project; and 3) the San Carlos Indian Water Rights Settlement Act.

The San Carlos settlement, Title XXXVII of the bill, is of great importance to the City of Scottsdale, other Arizona Cities and Towns, the Phelps Dodge Corporation and the State of Arizona.

I understand that the Secretary of the Interior raised several issues in Congress with regard to the San Carlos Settlement. However, it is my understanding that the Act, as amended by the House-Senate Conference Report, addresses Secretary Lujan's major concerns.

The Act will give the Tribe, one of the poorest Native American communities in the State and the Nation, rights to a substantial amount of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water. To obtain a steady source of income for economic development, the Tribe has decided that it will lease some of the water to Arizona Cities and Towns thus relieving some of the economic burden of the federal government. This type of renewable water resource is

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extremely valuable to Arizona's urban areas, especially the Phoenix metropolitan area, where 2 million people are working hard to reduce their dependence on groundwater.

Scottsdale has already set the stage for utilization of this new water resource. The City is negotiating a 100-year lease with the Tribe for about 44,000 acre-feet of CAP water. Combined with Scottsdale's existing rights to CAP and surface water and our plans for water conservation, management and reuse, the San Carlos lease would provide the City all the supplies our citizens will need for the foreseeable future.

The Phelps Dodge Corporation is dependent upon the settlement for both rights of way to deliver surface water across the San Carlos Apache Reservation and a stable supply of groundwater from sources contiguous to, supplying or underlying the Reservation. Phelps Dodge produces 51% of all domestic copper and employs 5,000 people in Clifton and Morenci, Arizona. The settlement has motivated the Tribe to continue, rather than terminate, the Phelps Dodge right of way. Termination would be devastating to the Nation's copper production, Arizona's economy and 5,000 jobs.

The electoral votes from the states which benefit from H.R. 429 total 152. The States and the Titles from which they benefit are attached. It is our understanding that Governor Wilson of California and certain members of the California delegation has requested that President Bush veto H.R. 429 because of the Central Valley Project "CVP".

The President has done great service to the Central Valley by his threat of veto to the original CVP "George Miller" Bill. We have been told that "CVP" has been substantially amended during the legislative process because of the President's efforts.

You and the President should be aware that the cities of San Francisco, Los Angeles (14.5 million), San Diego, the Metropolitan Water District (13,000,000 customers), the California Business Council, and major newspapers and radio in California have all requested the President to sign H.R. 429 because of the major benefits to California; specifically to Southern California urban dwellers. California has 47 electoral votes.

The President's opportunities to carry California would be enhanced by signing H.R. 429. We believe that Governor Wilson's request of the President is neither in California's nor in the President's best interest.

The other affected Western States have not less than 105 electoral votes. Most of the rest of us out here in the West have been loyal to the President. H.R. 429 is desperately needed

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in the West. On the merits, the benefits of H.R. 429 far outweigh any negatives. We would be very grateful for the President's signature on H.R. 429.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Herbert R. Drinkwater". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Herbert R. Drinkwater
Mayor

HRD:fs

cc: Honorable John McCain
Honorable John J. Rhodes III
Honorable Jon Kyl

H.R. 429 has far reaching benefits for the western United States, certain Indian Tribes and the environment. The following recites the direct beneficiaries and the applicable Title H.R. 429:

	<u>Electoral Votes</u>
<u>Arizona, Arizona Agriculture, Arizona Cities and Towns, Phelps Dodge Corporation, San Carlos Apache Tribe and 11 other CAP Tribes in Arizona, (Titles XIII, XVIII, XXXVII, XXXIX);</u>	7
<u>California, (Titles XI, XVI, XVIII, XXIV, XXV, XXXIV, XXXVI, XXXVIII);</u>	47
<u>Colorado, (Titles V, VII, XV, XXIII);</u>	8
<u>Kansas, (Title IX);</u>	7
<u>Louisiana, (Title XII);</u>	10
<u>Montana, (Title XXVII);</u>	3
<u>Nevada, (Title XVIII);</u>	4
<u>New Mexico, (Titles VIII, XIV, XXI, XXXIII);</u>	5
<u>North Dakota and the Standing Rock Sioux Indian Tribes, (Titles XVII, XIX, XXXV);</u>	3
<u>Oklahoma, (Title XXXI);</u>	8
<u>South Dakota, (Titles X, XIX, XX, XXXII);</u>	3
<u>Texas, (Title VIII, XII);</u>	29
<u>Utah, (Titles II, III, IV, V);</u>	5
<u>Washington, (Title XXII);</u>	10
<u>Wyoming, (Title I);</u>	3
<u>High Plains States, (Title XXVI);</u>	
<u>Western States, (Title XXX);</u>	
<u>Country of Mexico, (Title XVIII);</u>	
<u>The Nation and protection of the Environment, (Titles VI, XVIII, XXVIII, XXXII, XL).</u>	
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Honorable James Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker,

I am writing to advise you to help us urge President Bush to veto H.R. 429. Merrill Farms has been operating in the westside of California's San Joaquin Valley for the last nine years and has been producing fresh vegetables that make a positive contribution to our nation's healthy food supply.

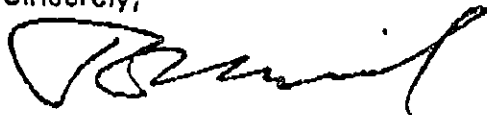
We depend upon the clean supply of water the Central Valley Project can supply us. Without the C.V.P., our production will be severely hampered. H.R. 429 would eliminate any water from the C.V.P. during drought periods such as we have experienced the last four years.

The crops we produce are extremely efficient water users, utilizing extensive irrigation equipment to insure the proper and conservative use of this precious resource, while transforming it into food. We do not operate under any government program or subsidy, offering our product at supply and demand basis.

Again, I urge you to advise President Bush to keep his promise to veto this very key legislation.

Thank You

Sincerely,



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October 13, 1992

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Re: H.R. 429 - Veto Requested

This letter is to request your veto of H.R. 429 on the behalf of the membership of Western Growers Association.

As H.R. 429 contains the Miller/Bradley Central Valley Project (CVP) fish and wildlife proposal, the legislation that you told the farmers and farm employees in Fresno earlier this year you would veto, we implore you to honor your veto commitment. Western Growers Association and its members strongly agree with Secretary of the Interior Lujan's and Secretary of Agriculture Madigan's requests for your veto of H.R. 429.

The provisions contained in Title XXXIV relative to the CVP would cause severe economic and social upheaval in the CVP service area. Thousands of jobs and billions of dollars dependent on a certain water supply from the CVP hang in the balance. The CVP serves nearly 21,000 farms and 2.2 million acres. Based on studies by the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the University of California, this reduction could result in the loss of more than 3,000 farms, and almost 10,000 full-time jobs.

Title XXXIV contains a statutory requirement to provide 1.2 million acre-feet of water for fish and wildlife purposes. An analysis of these provisions by the U.S. Department of the Interior concludes that this requirement, had it been in place during 1986-1990, would have resulted in zero CVP water deliveries in 1990 and 1991 for municipal, industrial, and agricultural contractors.



Member





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Title XXXIV would limit the renewal of existing long-term contracts to 25 years with a discretionary 25 year extension. After the initial renewal, there is no guarantee that a contract will be renewed for any period of time. Uncertainty of renewal will limit capital available to farmers, and likely decrease agricultural land values. Clearly, major investments in permanent plantings and new technologies will halt.

In addition, Western Growers Association strongly objects to the water transfer provisions, and the tiered pricing scheme for new and amended contracts. The water transfer language makes no provision for third party protections, and includes a 15 percent environmental tax for transfers outside of the district. The tiered pricing reform is designed to encourage more efficient water use, but will adversely affect California's farmers who have already put in place conservation measures as a result of the drought, and have less efficiency to achieve. The above concerns are only a partial list of the flaws in H.R. 429.

Because of the above listed reasons, your veto of this legislation is urgently requested.

Sincerely,

M. David Yurosek
C.E.O.

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Member



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HONORABLE JAMES BAKER
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RE: H.R. 429 -- VETO REQUESTED

Dear Mr. Baker:

I am writing to you today on behalf of the citrus farmers in California to most respectfully urge your veto of H.R. 429.

This bill would result in the immediate dedication of over 1.2 million acre feet per year to fish and wildlife. These supplies would be the "firmest" in the CVP, as the bill provides they may only be reduced by up to 25 percent (even if urban and agricultural deliveries are reduced to zero). It would legislate permanent drought and would favor fish and wildlife over the farming community now served by CVP.

It would impose enormous new costs on CVP customers. It would also require the expenditure of millions of dollars. CVP customers would be required to repay a portion of those costs, which would be spread over a fewer acre feet of water due to the dedications made to fish and wildlife. Under this bill, water costs to growers could double, even triple. Other farmer may incur greater increases.

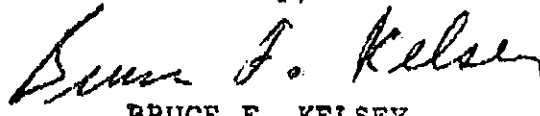
The reduction of 1.2 million acre feet to agriculture could result in the loss of about 500,000 acres of irrigated farmland. It would also result in the loss of \$370 million to \$770 million per year in gross farm income and in state and national products, the loss could be as much as \$3 billion.

The contracts for CVP water service have been about 40 years in length, and those contracts are now expiring. The estimated costs of EIS analyzing "direct and indirect" impacts and benefits of the bill and CVP contract renewals could easily take 10 or more years to complete. The cost of the study is about \$50 to \$100 million.

This bill does not identify specific solutions and specific water quantities. This is not an "ENVIRONMENTAL" bill. It simply ignores the problems instead of trying to implement solutions.

This bill would cost thousands Californians their jobs and their farmland not to mention their hope for the future. Please do not let this bill receive your signature. A big fat "VETO" stamp on it would do wonders for the State of California, not to mention the thousands of farm laborers, growers and agricultural workers that would have jobs to look forward to.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bruce F. Kelsey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

BRUCE F. KELSEY
CITRUS FARMER

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SENT BY FACSIMILE TO (202) 456-2461

RE: H.R. 429 - Veto Requested

Dear Mr. Baker:

The Central Valley Project (CVP) allowed for expansion of our Urban, Agricultural, and Recreational Life in California. When drought comes to a system that delivers to so many needs, all must suffer and all must survive. To place the needs of one sector above all others is passing a death sentence on the rest. Water is life, without it only death. This is the sentence that H.R. 429 will pass. Vote NO on H.R. 429.

California has a long history of unpredictable rainfall. The tree ring study has determined that 20 year droughts are not uncommon. The system of dams and distribution systems are good, but economics only allows them to be built to protect our water supply for 2 to 5 years. Our present situation exceeds these safeguards. The rainfall and snow only partially fill our reservoirs. If this happens there is no guarantee that anyone other than fish and wild life will get any water.

Before our dams and reservoirs, the landscape was a desert. The rain would work its magic in the spring, but by fall the streams were dry and the rivers were low. During droughts the rivers might all but cease to exist and the landscape turned into tinder for the fires that followed. These water holding facilities have allowed us to hold back these natural processes and create a thriving economy.

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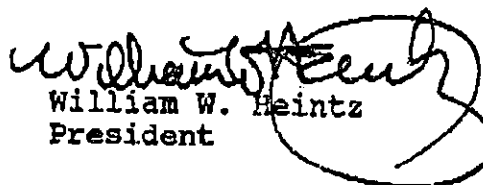
The driving force to build dams and distribution systems has been agriculture and the urban sector, with the need to feed, cloth, and house our people. Our products served the entire country and many nations that are our trading partners. To lose a percentage of this is a crime and a major step backwards for California.

My last point is one of common sense. How can you run a business with H.R. 429? To go beyond the uncertainty of water deliveries, running a business requires knowledge of what the costs are of production.

Experience tells me that all the costs are divided over the deliveries of the system. Pulling 1.2 million acre feet per year off the top will increase the delivered price by as much as 200%. On top of this, the provisions of the bill called for tiered pricing schemes. It truly seems that agriculture will end up at the end of the pipe with little or no supplies and uneconomic prices of what it may get.

We urge your VETO of H.R. 429. The increased lack of water would only worsen the economic situation of this state and perhaps the country. Without water, there are no jobs, no food, and no future.

Regards,


William W. Heintz
President

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Dear Mr. Baker:

I am writing to express my concern with H.R. 429.

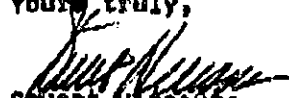
Being involved in the fresh produce industry, which together with the other types of farming make up the largest industry in California, cannot survive without the water from the Central California Project.

The economy of Central California needs agriculture to create cash flow for all businesses in this area to survive. Almost every business in the Central California Valley is dependent on the people involved in agriculture.

Please do not support H.R. 429.

Thank you.

Yours truly,


Stuart Hirashima
President

C. Curtis Richmond, III
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Mr. James A. Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker:

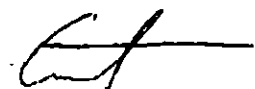
In order for President Bush to win the election the American people need to be given some perspective of the last 12 years. In addition please explain the misery index. Most people do not know what you mean.

Here is an example of what people need to know.

1. Longest period of economic expansion in U.S. history.
2. Followed by a recession.
 - a. Democratic controlled congress used this time of expansion to increase spending and taxes.
 - b. Compared our recession to:
 - (1) European countries'.
 - (2) Carter/democrat recession.
 - c. Explain the misery index.
3. Now we are ready for another period of expansion.
4. Clinton's tax and spend would prolong and deepen our current recession.
5. He would hurt chances for a recovery and put programs into place that would bring back the Carter/Democrat misery index comprised of; 11% unemployment, 13% inflation, and 20% interest rates.
6. How would this period of unparalleled economic growth have continued? With a congress that did not serve PACs and SIGs.

I want to see George Bush win. Clinton would be a disaster for America.

Very truly yours,





Buyers and Distributors of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Honorable James Baker
Chief of Staff
Executive Office of the President
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20500

October 9, 1992

Dear Mr Baker;

We are growers of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and are inalterably opposed to H.R. 429. If this bill is made law it will be devastating to our industry. We implore you to veto this bill.

Sincerely,

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Henry J. Escher, Partner
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RE: Veto Request on H.R. 429

To the Honorable James Baker:

I am a farmer in the State of California. On behalf of my employees, my family, and related agricultural businesses, I respectfully urge your veto of H.R. 429.

For the past three years we have had to leave land fallow and not plant spring and fall crops because we do not have enough water available now to farm our land. This not only affects the amount of food we can produce for our country but also the number of employees we hire and the amount of money we have available to spend on new tractors and equipment which stimulates the economy.

We cannot afford any more water to be diverted away from agriculture. We already see less farmland under production, farmers going under, higher unemployment, and higher prices for consumers. Where is the immediate dedication of over 1.2 million acre feet per year to fish and wildlife going to come from when we can't even get enough water to grow crops that feed and employ people?

Therefore, I urgently request your veto on H.R. 429.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Mettler

Brian J. Mettler
Farmer

Hull Farms, Inc.

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October 9, 1992

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FAX 202 456 2461

RE: Veto Support for HR 429

Dear Mr. Baker,

I most respectfully request your support for a VETO of
HR 429; I feel it is bad legislation.

This legislation will create far more problems than would
be solved:

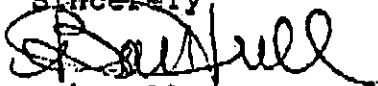
California is experiencing serious economic
difficulties - HR 429 will raise unemployment.

Southern California's metropolitan water users are
currently finding sources of municipal water through the
free market, allowing cities and farmers to make timely
economic decisions. HR 429 will cause social and
economic upheaval, and disrupt market forces that are
working.

I live in Blythe, CA, along the Colorado River; this is
desert. In years when the desert is parched (more than
normal), the desert wildlife moves to the fringes of our
Valley and thrives alongside our agriculture. I know
the same to be true in the CVP area. HR 429 will
provide very uncertain net benefits to wildlife.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely


Bob Hull



October 8, 1992

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As we say in California agriculture: No Water/ No Jobs/ No Future. We do not want this phrase to become reality. Therefore, your veto is urgently requested.

Sincerely,

Douglas Circle,
President



October 8, 1992

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President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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TO:

James A Baker III, Chief of Staff to the President

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Luke Duncan, Chairman

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In Reply:

October 8, 1992

Manuel Lujan, Secretary of the Interior
1849 C Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Re: HR 429

Dear Secretary Lujan:

We urge you to reverse your opposition to HR 429. The Ute Indian Tribe has been working since 1965 to secure a water right and financial settlement with the United States arising out of a "taking" of critical Ute Indian water to build the Central Utah Project. HR 429 represents our last and best hope to create a long-term plan for economic security for the Ute Indian Tribe and its members.

We have admired your advocacy of comparable Indian water settlements in New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, and Arizona. We are entitled to your full support here in Utah, as well. While we understand your concerns with certain non-Indian provisions in HR 429, we urge you not to kill the Ute Indian Tribe's long-overdue settlement.

Sincerely,

Luke J. Duncan
Tribal Business Committee
Chairman

cc: James A. Baker III, Chief of Staff to the President
Edward R. Madigan, Secretary of Agriculture
Dan Israel, P.C.
George Waters, Consultant
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**TEJON RANCH**

Since 1843

October 9, 1992

Via FAX 202 456-2461

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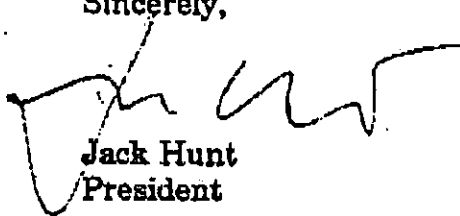
Please veto this legislation which would exact a terrible economic and social cost in an attempt to protect some fish and wildlife resources in California.

With unemployment hovering around 30% in many rural Central Valley communities, it is unconscionable that legislation of this type is even considered. The provisions of the bill may eliminate 10,000 jobs. The job loss would be particularly felt among some of the most disadvantaged segments in our society.

The Miller/Bradley provisions of H. R. 429 do not appropriately balance the various needs and they set a horrible precedent.

Please veto this bill.

Sincerely,



Jack Hunt
President