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Senator Diane Feinstein

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Dear Senator Feinstein,

American Whitewater thanks you for your April 20th, 2012 letter and for your efforts to protect the free-flowing, Wild and Scenic Merced River. We are supportive of your decision to no longer pursue legislation that would drown a portion of the Wild and Scenic Merced by raising New Exchequer Dam and Lake McClure. As you know, our nation has a long history of damming rivers, and the Wild and Scenic Rivers system was established in 1968 to balance the impacts. A Wild and Scenic designation protects the free-flowing nature of select rivers with outstandingly remarkable values - for present and future generations. The Wild and Scenic Merced became part of that balance in 1992, and should remain so into the future. We thank you for all of your work to protect California's rivers, and encourage you to continue to stand up for the nation's free-flowing, Wild and Scenic Rivers system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Steindorf".

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Colburn".

Kevin Colburn
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National Stewardship Director