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I encourage the Commission to pursue expanding off-stream State, Federal, and local water supply systems in our state. Storage within the State is but a fraction of the annual water flow when the Colorado system sits at a multiple of annual flows...the benefit to environmental health and economic stability is obvious.

I also encourage the Commission to vigorously pursue non-structural alternatives such as ground water replenishment and rangeland watershed initiatives such as Point Blue Conservation Science and the NRCS's Working Lands program. If the water retention capacity of one million acres of California rangelands were to be improved with appropriate grazing practices the equivalent of one-and-a-half years of Hetch Hetchy yield would be returned to a natural state in the soil, operating much like the moisture in the Sierra snowpack.

<http://www.pointblue.org/our-science-and-services/conservation-science/working-lands>

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