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CALFED BAY-DELTA PROGRAM
1416 9th Street, Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Attn: Rick Breitenbach

Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

As an employee of an agriculture related business I urge you to consider what will happen to the San Joaquin Valley and the many of us who are dependent upon water for our area.

Not only will putting the many acres of farm land into habitat reduce availability of produce for consumption it will also mean the loss of jobs for all of us who work in related fields, it will mean the closure of many businesses who supply supplies and equipment and it will reduce the taxes now received from the land.

We would urge you to see that the program includes storage and delivery of water for the crop production; to study alternatives for water to the Bay Area and the Los Angeles area and to consider people as well as species.

NO ONE appreciates nature as greatly as those in agriculture. Those not involved in agriculture do not appreciate what the San Joaquin Valley has done, not only for the valley but for the world in providing food and clothing.

Your consideration on behalf of those of us who will be unemployed if farm land is put into fallow habitat will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

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