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1 MR. BODOVITZ We'll now move to the formal  
2 hearing, which we hear from you.

3 My name is Joe Bodovitz. Although I  
4 work with CALFED Bay-Delta Program, I'm not part  
5 of it. Whether -- I have a small nonprofit  
6 organization that works throughout agreements on  
7 possible on -- contentious issues we'll be  
8 discussing tonight. My own background having been  
9 first Director of the Coastal Commission and later  
10 Executive Director of Public Utilities Commission,  
11 among other things, regulates all the vector owned  
12 companies in California. So I have some  
13 experience with the issues we'll be discussing  
14 tonight.

15 My purpose in being here and the  
16 reason I've been asked to conduct the hearing is  
17 to help assure that these are independent,  
18 unbiased hearings on the CALFED preferred  
19 alternative and the draft environmental impact  
20 statement.

21 In a moment I'll explain the ground  
22 rules for tonight, which are really pretty  
23 simple. Before that I want to introduce some of  
24 the CALFED people who are here with us tonight.

25 Luana Kiger of the National

1 Resources Conservation Services.

2 Ryan Broadkick, Department of Fish &  
3 Game, Army Corps.

4 A.J. Yates, Food and Agriculture.

5 In addition, a member of the  
6 Bay-Delta file committee, Stuart Pyle is here.

7 Thank you all for coming here.

8 We will be recording, tape recording  
9 and also transcribing all the testimony tonight.  
10 So, you may be assured even the members of CALFED  
11 that are not here will be acquainted with what you  
12 all say tonight.

13 The key ground rule for this evening  
14 is to fill out one of these yellow cards, if you  
15 wish to speak. We have a large number of cards  
16 already, so I assume most of you may already know  
17 that, but if you wish to speak tonight it is  
18 necessary to fill out one of the yellow cards.  
19 And this is all -- the other 16 hearings being  
20 held around the state, we take speakers in the  
21 order in which the cards are filled out, believing  
22 that is about as fair a way to apportion the time  
23 as possible.

24 Now, as to the ground rules  
25 quickly. You may submit written comments on the

1 CALFED proposals of any length.  
2 And there's a leaflet on the table  
3 outside that explains how to do that, where you  
4 send them and what the deadlines are in this  
5 hearing as in all the others. However, verbal  
6 statements will be limited to three minutes. That  
7 will -- let's us hear from a lot of people and  
8 still let everybody go home at a reasonably  
9 reasonable hour.

10 This is the microphone you'll use.  
11 And to help you know how you're doing with three  
12 minutes we have a little traffic light up here.  
13 When you start speaking the light is green. When  
14 you have one minute left, the light will be  
15 yellow. When your time is up, the light will be  
16 red. And we ask in fairness to the people yet to  
17 speak you conclude the sentence you're on. It's  
18 possible to say a great deal in three minutes, as  
19 we've learned from these hearings.

20 Finally, in an effort to help move  
21 things along, I will call three names at a time.  
22 There are a lot of us here tonight which have --  
23 you will be in the middle of the rows, somewhere  
24 near the back, if you hear your name called, it  
25 will help us make good use of this evening's time

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1 thinking. We have to quit intensifying urban ag.  
2 And CALFED can do that and needs to offer bold new  
3 solutions.

4 I think a lot of the conflict in the  
5 room tonight may be unnecessary. I think, first  
6 off, there is a flood water analysis that you're  
7 using that makes it appear that we need new dams  
8 and new water supplies. In fact, the MWD Water  
9 District was using the same amount of water  
10 fourteen years ago despite a 30 percent increase  
11 in population. The city of LA is now using a  
12 hundred thousand acre feet less water than it was  
13 using in 1990.

14 Can we solve these problems? Yes,  
15 we can. In our own little ranch we just tore out  
16 a quarter of our trees. I expect we'll reduce  
17 water use by five to ten percent at least. It's  
18 not we want to give up any of the water we have, I  
19 think the numbers have shown me that we're going  
20 to need more. And that's a concern that I have  
21 because as we ask for water controls and as we  
22 expect to work out a solution for this, if we all  
23 keep asking for more, none of us will get what we  
24 need.

25 So as a result, I'm urging you to

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1 if you move out to the aisle and get ready when  
2 your name is called, so we won't spend too much  
3 time.

4 If all that is clear, let's get  
5 started and hear from you. The first three names  
6 are Neil Fernbaugh, Doug Mosebar and Jack Stone.

7 MR. FERNBAUGH By being first, I don't  
8 know, I'm probably the most unique stranger in the  
9 room to some of you. I'm also probably the only  
10 person in the room that is both a member of the  
11 Farm Bureau and a leader in the Sierra Club, so I  
12 risk offending both parties tonight.

13 My wife and I have a small ranch out  
14 north of Ivanhoe. We have citrus and we rely on  
15 CALFED water and we need that water. Okay. So,  
16 in no way does what I say reflect negatively on  
17 the farming interests.

18 I think often many environmentalists  
19 don't recognize that farmers have been -- many  
20 more crops with much less water. And I think the  
21 environmental community needs to hear that  
22 statement. I think we need to get rid of the old  
23 way of thinking. I have seen a lot of negativity  
24 that is not true. Can and will continue to work  
25 together. We've got to get rid of the old way of

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1 pursue the idea that we not go for new reservoirs  
2 or canals during stage one. Not to say there  
3 won't be a need for new water storage in the  
4 future. First let's start simpler, less expensive  
5 alternatives.

6 The taxpayers will not support  
7 massive new water projects. We're not the only  
8 voters in this state and nobody wants to subsidize  
9 craziness. Stop polluting the source. We're  
10 responsible on our farms. Ag is certainly doing  
11 its part to preserve and investor's interests have  
12 to take their role there. Let's seriously develop  
13 ground water, managing management, pollution  
14 protection and water treatment.

15 MR. BODOVITZ That is enough.

16 MR. FERNBAUGH I'll submit my rest  
17 later. Thank you.

18 MR. BODOVITZ Doug Mosebar, Jack Stone,  
19 Milton Smith.

20 MR. MOSEBAR Good evening. I'm Doug  
21 Mosebar, First Vice President, FAL, Santa Ynez  
22 farmer. Even though these hearings are at a busy  
23 time of the year half the California farmers have  
24 attended in large numbers. Just look at this  
25 crowd. I'm proud of this crowd.

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1 And farmers and farm workers are  
2 hard to get to hearings because they're doing what  
3 they do best, that is produce. As evidence to  
4 that, it was 1930, it took nine days for a typical  
5 family to earn enough money to buy enough food for  
6 the year. Now, that day is forty days. In other  
7 words, food check out day is February 9th,  
8 contrast that with Tax Freedom Day, which is  
9 May 10th. That's scary.

10 We have brought you a consistent  
11 message, CALFED must do more for the people of  
12 California. We must create a program that meets  
13 the needs of fish, wildlife and people. It must  
14 move more aggressively and quickly to additional  
15 water supplies and minimize potential large impact  
16 on California's productive farmlands.

17 I know some people have been  
18 surprised by the turnout of farmers at these  
19 meetings, especially when large groups arrive at  
20 Oakland, San Jose and Pasadena. But farmers have  
21 a huge stake in the outcome of CALFED'S program  
22 not to make -- be philosophic or get something off  
23 our chests -- even though a lot of them will  
24 tonight, but because your decisions will affect  
25 our families, our land, our jobs, our very way of

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1 important agreeable significant resource. CALFED  
2 must review environmental facts. Farmlands are  
3 reversion.

4 Thank you for your time.

5 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you for your time,  
6 Mr. Mosebar.

7 MR. STONE My name is Jack Stone. I'm  
8 a farmer. And I've been watching this development  
9 on the west side and everything for many, many  
10 years, starting out with guys like Pat Brown and  
11 Russell Giffen, Jack O'Neill, all those fellows.  
12 And they had great ideas of what should happen  
13 here. And those founders, if they'd seen some of  
14 these plans you guys have planned now, I think  
15 they'd be devastated.

16 I didn't come here mainly to talk to  
17 this group up here. We've been talking to you  
18 guys for four years and I think right now we got  
19 to start talking about the taxpayers and people  
20 that need water and are paying for it. It's  
21 important.

22 And now I'd like to make a couple  
23 other little comments, such as with an estimated  
24 twenty million people going to move into  
25 California shortly and we come up with a plan like

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1 life.

2 I've been to several of these  
3 hearings and been disappointed at times of the  
4 tired out notions some people like to mistaken --  
5 80 percent of California's water, when -- the vast  
6 bulk of the rain and snow that falls each year  
7 stays in the environment. Some people insist all  
8 we have to do is conserve, especially if it's  
9 farmers that do the conserving. Well, farmers  
10 have conserved all-told less water today than we  
11 use in 30 days again and our tonnage increased 67  
12 percent more efficient by our ability to produce  
13 more. Less water has not improved reliability of  
14 our water supply. The only thing saved farmers  
15 from severe water shortages is we've had five  
16 straight wet years. Even then San Joaquin Valley  
17 has 30 percent shortages. We know what will  
18 happen when the next dry weather starts, since --  
19 more widespread and hit farmers worse, first and  
20 worse. CALFED cannot continue to delay work. The  
21 time is now.

22 By the way, we don't need more, we  
23 hope to keep what we have. We just hope to keep  
24 producing what we produce. Plans for large scale  
25 conversion to habitat California farmland is an

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1 this, spending 10 billion dollars and don't have  
2 any water storage for -- additional water  
3 storage. That's dumb. That's about as dumb as  
4 that little room you put all these people in. And  
5 all the other people in many, many cities around  
6 here. Hanford can only water their lawn really  
7 three days a week. Many can't water the lawn or  
8 flowers. My wife said probably soon one day a  
9 week. That means we're getting close. And that  
10 means the next thing is rationing. And I don't  
11 like rationing, that is lousy. Especially when  
12 you know each year 30 million acre feet of water  
13 are going out into the Bay every year.

14 We've got engineers that can work on  
15 that. You're being advised not to turn your air  
16 conditioners on on the hot days because you might  
17 have a power shutdown. And that's the truth,  
18 we've had them. And as I see it, in this new  
19 program there's nothing in there to improve our  
20 hydro-electric plants, not anything at all, that I  
21 know of. And then Central Valley Improvement Act  
22 pushed by the environmentalists, including George  
23 Miller is taking 800,000 feet of our water away  
24 from us every year. That's enough water to farm  
25 500 square miles of farming in the valley every

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1 year. That's a lot. And it's worth 44 million  
2 dollars of taxpayers' money that these people put  
3 forth. That's a lot of loot.

4 Then for every acre foot of water we  
5 do get they charge us \$60.88 to improve the  
6 environment. And we do that, that's another six  
7 million dollars out of our money to spend in this  
8 area. And I don't know what they do with that  
9 water -- or that money.

10 Is that -- is that red?

11 MR. BODOVITZ That's red. You're going  
12 great, but the three minutes are gone.

13 MR. STONE Thank you.

14 MR. BODOVITZ Milton Smith, Glen Rider,  
15 Ron Jacobsma.

16 MR. SMITH My name is Milton Smith.  
17 There are so many here, I'll relinquish my time to  
18 somebody.

19 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you, Mr. Smith.

20 Glenn Rider, John Jacobsma?

21 MR. RIDER I'm going to speak to you  
22 about some of the environmental history. In 1992  
23 at the United Nation Conference called the Earth  
24 Summit at Rio DeJaneiro, the plan released global  
25 bio-diversity assessments. The bio-diversity

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1 of this international objective in the CALFED,  
2 CPBA bio-diversity United Nations large sites  
3 wildland projects, U.S. Plan, Strategic Plan, UN,  
4 USA, large corridors. Wild Earth, Border 21 are  
5 large river programs. B & M buy-out of farmland  
6 down in Alpaugh. It stretches the logic way  
7 beyond breaking point to elevate the needs of  
8 every conceivable, fish, fowl and animal as equal  
9 to man.

10 This nation is strong because we the  
11 people produce wealth and only as long as we do  
12 will we stay a sovereign nation. This -- a  
13 question here tonight is not this -- the question  
14 here tonight is about natural resources, which  
15 water, of course, is one. And above all, the  
16 freedom to use them to create wealth. Without  
17 wealth we lose the ability to control our own  
18 political destiny. And that is collectively what  
19 is planned for with us with these treaties.

20 MR. BODOVITZ Mr. Rider, time is --

21 MR. RIDER Gone, thank you very much.

22 MR. BODOVITZ Ron Jacobsma, Kole Upton,  
23 Judy Case of Fresno County.

24 MR. JACOBSMA Ron Jacobsma, Friant  
25 Water Users, State of California. We're getting

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1 treatment and agenda began in 1993. President  
2 Clinton signed an outline of this treaty. In 1994  
3 it was sent to the Senate for ratification. The  
4 promoters of this treaty tried to push it through  
5 just before adjournment of the Senate in its  
6 outline form saying it would be completed by a  
7 conference of its signers after it was ratified.

8 Just hours before the scheduled vote  
9 it was discovered the fact the treaty and a copy  
10 was introduced in the Senate by Senator K. Bailey  
11 Hutchison of the United Nations, which is who put  
12 this thing together, had been caught in a lie.  
13 The UN promoters, George Mitchell, Democrat of  
14 Maine, just didn't dare let the senators see what  
15 was in that treaty.

16 And that is the point, the treaty  
17 was quite -- at that point the treaty was quietly  
18 removed from consideration. The Clinton  
19 administration didn't give up. They continued  
20 with their plan that the EPA had published in 1993  
21 that outlined the administration's environmental  
22 strategy, said in part, quote, "Plans national  
23 policies to achieve international objectives," end  
24 quote.

25 We are now seeing the cutting edge

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1 crowded and the water isn't always where its  
2 needed. Friant Water Users Authority is one  
3 million acres of the productive farmland in the  
4 world. Twenty-five districts represented here  
5 tonight will be making comments on their own  
6 districts as long as the authority -- the  
7 authority has been deeply involved in the Vernalis  
8 Adaptive San Joaquin River Agreement, San Joaquin  
9 Repair Flow -- San Joaquin Repair Flow Pilot  
10 Program. The authority has also participated in  
11 the ag urban process in an effort to understand  
12 and stay informed on the CALFED districts and to  
13 coordinate our comments with the rest of the  
14 effected water community. Thus can be seen we've  
15 followed with great interests the deliberations of  
16 CALFED.

17 We have a clear stake in the outcome  
18 of this process. We support planned answers that  
19 benefit the San Joaquin Valley and the state now  
20 for some specifics. The Friant Users Authority  
21 preaches the recognition and priority given to  
22 implementation of the San Joaquin River Agreement  
23 which incorporates the Vernalis Adoptive Program.

24 We endorse and adopt specific  
25 comments by the San Joaquin River Group by --

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1 separately we believe more impasses and resources,  
2 additional water surface storage. We look to  
3 CALFED for leadership to move this along more  
4 rapidly.

5 Additional water supplies must be  
6 developed. This is especially true for the upper  
7 San Joaquin River if restriction form activities  
8 continue CALFED should continue viable ground  
9 water and congective use of available water  
10 supply. These studies and projects must be  
11 locally sponsored and driven.

12 CALFED has recently supported the  
13 authority and the National Resources Defenses  
14 Council by funding pilot programs to throw on  
15 dispersible seeds and low cottonwood trees. We  
16 commend CALFED for the support and look forward to  
17 your continued support to these mutual  
18 rejuvenations of the San Joaquin River.

19 CALFED needs to include moneys to  
20 continue to support pilot programs and other  
21 activities for the upper mainstream. We are  
22 content the proposal to convert 243 acres of  
23 farmland for obtaining the water goes with it  
24 serious impact with the local complexion and could  
25 be impossible to mitigate the need for a through

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1 Thank you. Get the name of a staff  
2 member and ask where they stand. If you don't get  
3 an answer in a week. Find out these people, ask  
4 to run for this position. They ought to do the  
5 job.

6 Our message for CALFED is very  
7 simple. The draft plan is pandering to the  
8 radical environmentalists. I don't want to --  
9 radicals there, but also some reasonable ones, but  
10 what this consensus -- process has pandered to the  
11 most radical of them -- what I specifically mean  
12 is by having no new storage for the current and  
13 the -- Senator Costa addressed that -- and the way  
14 we look at that is, they're looking at the valley  
15 to get the water for the future.

16 We've learned a few things in the  
17 past years we have been in the water business on  
18 how to protect ourselves. One was Madera ran many  
19 projects they tried to stuff down our throats  
20 without local concerns. One way county ordinances  
21 areas, boards and rights, that kind of thing.  
22 Wouldn't want to leave you with the impression,  
23 well, in the valley sitting on our hands, leading  
24 us in the future. We also think of ways to  
25 protect ourselves if it's not a good plan.

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1 Delta conservation facility.

2 More seriously considered as part of  
3 the CALFED program, the current documents are  
4 vague in their description of the program. CALFED  
5 is obligated to lead this effort and must give  
6 higher priority. CALFED'S efforts to move forward  
7 with the south Delta's -- improve conditions in  
8 that area increases both water supply and supply  
9 for south Delta water users.

10 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you, Mr. Jacobsma.  
11 Kole Upton, supervisor Case, Nettie  
12 Drake?

13 MR. UPTON Good evening. Kole Upton,  
14 farmer from Chowchilla, Friant Water Users. Time  
15 to rock and roll here. We need to know when we're  
16 done whether you people agree with us or not.  
17 Very few have time to speak and we need to know  
18 exactly how we feel about water in this part of  
19 the valley.

20 Second thing we need to do is,  
21 farmers and representatives of the people that --  
22 using the water is call our assembly, state  
23 senators and Congress and even U.S. Senators and  
24 ask them what they're doing to give us an  
25 affordable, adequate water supply.

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1 We don't feel there's any shame in  
2 what we do as far as producing food and fiber for  
3 this nation.

4 Lastly, as far as the message for  
5 the CALFED plan and for you folks tonight, our  
6 message is very simple. When the next drought  
7 occurs, you're going to need some water and if the  
8 plan you adopt finally don't -- have a middle  
9 course direction, Senator Costa, for sand flea,  
10 Delta smelt or you will need water through  
11 development in Southern California for the -- make  
12 up for lack of planning, thought and courage in  
13 this plan.

14 Then we have a plan of our own.  
15 There's only one way you're going to get more  
16 water out of this water and that is after the  
17 fight --

18 MR. BODOVITZ Supervisor Case, Nettie  
19 Drake.

20 Supervisor, go ahead and then Nettie  
21 Drake and then John Giovannetti.

22 MS. CASE Judy Case, Fresno County  
23 Board of Supervisors. I brought to you today a  
24 resolution our board passed unanimously "Whereas  
25 the County of Fresno has been the leading food and

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1 fiber county in the state and the nation for  
2 almost 50 consecutive years, generating 29 billion  
3 dollars in farm commodities.

4 And whereas agriculture is the major  
5 industry in Fresno County, is the driving force in  
6 the local and regional economy.

7 Whereas one in five jobs in the  
8 county is directly dependent on agriculture and  
9 one dollar of revenue contributes \$3.50 of revenue  
10 to the local economy.

11 And whereas Fresno County's  
12 agriculture industry is one of the most productive  
13 and efficient in the world, is dependent upon a  
14 reliable water supply.

15 And whereas over one-third of Fresno  
16 County's gross agriculture production has been  
17 hard hit by chronic water shortages from federal  
18 environmental limits, export of water from the  
19 San Joaquin water to western Fresno County.

20 And whereas these ongoing water  
21 shortages have added to unemployment, economic  
22 hardships in profit in rural farm communities,  
23 particularly on the west side, which increases the  
24 economic and social burden on the county as a  
25 whole.

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1 Nettie Drake then John Giovannetti and  
2 then Don Mills.

3 MS. DRAKE Nettie Drake, Entire  
4 Conservation East Side San Joaquin Valley.  
5 Tonight I have three points.

6 One is, after comments heard last  
7 night in Los Banos and replies to questions, I  
8 thought all day today, and a concern that really  
9 bothered me -- and I heard many comments last  
10 night about what is the answer to the question,  
11 what is the current or thoughts about planning the  
12 monitoring, engaging of the water use efficiency  
13 south of the Delta.

14 If water use efficiency is going to  
15 be key component to water development then you  
16 better have a plan to be able to monitor it coming  
17 out of Southern California and south of the Tracy  
18 pumping plant. When I asked that question last  
19 night I got a giggled and cluckish answer, so I  
20 pose it as a note again for this evening to go on  
21 the record.

22 Secondly, as I said last night and  
23 say again today, it's imperative if you want water  
24 quality and water quantity and environmental  
25 habitat for wildlife, aquatic life, any others,

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1 Whereas the CALFED Bay-Delta  
2 Program has developed long-term comprehensive  
3 environmental water supply, reliable flood control  
4 and water quality problems in the San Joaquin  
5 Valley and is seeking public comments, it's --  
6 preferable alternatives, the Board of Supervisors  
7 recognizes the need to restore a reliable water  
8 supply to maintain the county's viable agriculture  
9 industry throughout.

10 Therefore, be it reinolved, Fresno  
11 County Board of Supervisors supports CALFED  
12 Bay-Delta Program alternative that offers equally  
13 emphasis balanced and equitable solutions,  
14 addresses water supply reliability and protect our  
15 productive viable agriculture industry.

16 Moreover, the Board further resolves  
17 CALFED Bay-Delta program must include components  
18 to develop ground waters and off-stream water  
19 storage facilities, improve conversation and  
20 reduce conflicts, developmental export sites and  
21 support other appropriate actions to restore and  
22 improve water supply to standing as number one  
23 agriculture county in the nation."

24 Thank you.

25 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you, Supervisor.

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1 you have include the watershed work plan to all  
2 the common programs in this process or it won't  
3 succeed. You got to deal with the source, not the  
4 end result if you want to clean up the mess.

5 And, lastly, when going through the  
6 integrated storage investigation, it will be  
7 absolutely imperative that science and fact create  
8 the final results, but also in the process they  
9 have got to include an investigation from all the  
10 diverse stake holders and needs, not just some --  
11 excuse me, Theresa core formula for -- bureau  
12 formula for cost benefit ratio that doesn't  
13 account for agricultural land or individuals that  
14 don't believe in a municipality. Most  
15 rationalists don't live where there's 60,000  
16 people and you can't exclude them from a cost  
17 benefit ratio if you're trying to decide for  
18 off-stream storage.

19 So I encourage you to think about  
20 that. It's thoughts I had as a result of the --  
21 last night's -- last evening's meeting. And I  
22 will submit more in writing.

23 MR. BODOVITZ John Giovannetti, Don  
24 Mills, followed by Jim Verbgon.

25 MR. GIOVANNETTI I'd like to start out

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1 by turning the microphone because unlike the  
2 CALFED process I don't want to turn my back on  
3 anyone.

4 My family has been farming on the  
5 west side since the 1930's and in the Sacramento  
6 valley since 1950. We farm on both sides of the  
7 Delta. Our farm is as family run business  
8 consisting of my dad, two of my brothers, two  
9 nephews and me.

10 One of my favorite sayings is the  
11 mind is like a parachute, it only works when it's  
12 open. I try to maintain an open mind in dealing  
13 with the everyday challenges in life, including  
14 farming. But that is getting increasingly more  
15 difficult when it comes to living with an  
16 uncertain water supply resulting from the federal  
17 government's water policies.

18 I've been following the CALFED  
19 Bay-Delta Program for the last four years with an  
20 open mind and a vested interest, waiting to see  
21 what workable solutions will be proposed to  
22 address our water supply problems in the west  
23 side. I'm still waiting. The preferred  
24 alternative places high heaps on increased water  
25 conservation and water transfers. Too many

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1 millions of dollars, prejudicial justification is  
2 not reasonable management of a limited resource.

3 I'd like to tell you what 800,000  
4 acre feet means to me. 800,000 acre feet means 10  
5 trillion, 240 million heads of lettuce. 800,000  
6 acre feet means 4 trillion pounds of garbanzos.  
7 800,000 acre feet means 5 trillion, 40 million  
8 canteloupes. And 800 -- or 800 each of those  
9 is -- or -- or 28 trillion, 160 million pounds of  
10 tomatoes.

11 Farmers are firmly committed to  
12 improving the Delta environment, but must not  
13 overshadow the department. Can't -- water supply  
14 impairment to the economic backbone and jobs.  
15 The --

16 MR. BODOVITZ Mr. Giovannetti, the time  
17 is gone.

18 MR. MILLS Good evening. Don Mills,  
19 Kings County Water. Throughout the document you  
20 reinforce the fact additional water storage makes  
21 the program's goals achievable. Sadly, no action  
22 approach to the construction of the storage  
23 facilities, the approach produced who hope to  
24 return California to the 1850's.

25 This short-sighted reckless stand,

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1 solutions already used extensively in the  
2 Westlands.

3 We use some of the latest irrigation  
4 technology and closely monitor to achieve water  
5 efficiency, significant amount of water from other  
6 sources each year and yet we are still water  
7 short. These practices certainly help maximize  
8 our water use, but that alone won't solve our  
9 water supply problem.

10 I'm waiting to hear new solutions to  
11 restore -- I say restore our water supply,  
12 specifically storage, aerations. New conservation  
13 facilities will become part of the exclusion. It  
14 makes sense to capture water and store it in wet  
15 years and develop and distribute that water  
16 efficiently where it's needed during dry years.  
17 That's balance.

18 I don't understand why they don't  
19 understand. It's really quite simple. I'm going  
20 to skip around because I know I'm going to run out  
21 of time.

22 Water has been allocated away from  
23 agriculture to environment. 800,000 good signs to  
24 show where it's been used or how it's improved the  
25 environment in the Delta, simply throwing away

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1 water rationing in on California's plan to the --  
2 for the expected population growth of our state  
3 and corresponding need for increased water  
4 supplies instead of the balanced water plan we  
5 were promised. We have a massive water grab by  
6 state and federal agencies in the name of  
7 environmental restoration.

8 There are a few things in the plan  
9 we can commend. We specifically support the  
10 enlargement of Millerton Lake by 760,000 acre  
11 feet. This project set an example of  
12 multi-purpose benefit. All fed -- CALFED'S goals  
13 getting Delta water, water and supply reliability  
14 would all be improved with this project.

15 Additional benefits to water use  
16 additionally -- and water transfers match other  
17 positives, such as additional flood control  
18 regions and clean hydro power. This is a solid  
19 project. Should be constructed, not studied in  
20 phase one, debated in phase two and found  
21 applicability incorrect in phase three.

22 Only 1.3 percent of your proposed  
23 phase one spending goes to study surface storage  
24 and not one dollar for any construction. This is  
25 unacceptable. You see, we know how it is to kill

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1 a proposed surface storage project, no matter how  
2 benefit studies address major change. And  
3 environmental laws change after 20 years of study  
4 and endangered weed, sediment stone blocking.  
5 The completion in the Redlands. Or one threatened  
6 rat, like the Tipton Kangaroo rat, put one  
7 valley -- blocked energy on Lake Success and  
8 Kaweah in 1997.

9 These can block the wishes of the  
10 majorities of the taxpayers and projects this  
11 large. It is truly time to get mad and not allow  
12 insects and rodents dictate the water policy of  
13 this great state.

14 Thank you.

15 MR. BODOVITZ Jim Verbgon, Bob Westfall  
16 and Jim Gowens.

17 MR. VERBGON I'm Jim Verbgon. I sit on  
18 the Board of Directors of the California Farm  
19 Bureau. A water storage has never been  
20 successfully solved by reor -- water quality  
21 suffers along with water quantity. When you don't  
22 have enough water, the water quality is also  
23 harmed.

24 We need to fix the Delta flows to  
25 help the fish and also transport the water across

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1 the Delta so we get some more reliability. We  
2 need to get the endangered species out of the  
3 Delta, not continue to try and solve around all  
4 these fish.

5 We have to decide this is the course  
6 of action we got to make a stable flow into the  
7 Delta and live with it. We can't continue to  
8 micro manage, takes water from us. This program  
9 will fail if it does not include water storage  
10 both north and south of the Delta because if you  
11 don't have additional supplies north of the Delta  
12 to give you the environmental flows that you need  
13 and also the amount of water to successfully carry  
14 water across the Delta, it's not going to work.

15 If you have a dam south of the Delta  
16 and you can't get water across the Delta, you've  
17 got a dam that don't have any water in it.  
18 Neither one of those works.

19 We have a growth and population of  
20 this state. The new growth is going to require  
21 one acre foot -- one acre foot per family every  
22 year. That same family is going to require three  
23 acre feet worth of food to feed them. Where is  
24 this water going to come from currently meeting  
25 storage requirement? We have storage by

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1 over-pumping the ground water.

2 If we don't do something to resolve  
3 that and that means additional surface water  
4 storage, if we don't re -- if we don't do  
5 something to shut off our pumps we will exhaust  
6 our supply. We're using a deleting supply.

7 Finally, the solution must come from  
8 water storage and that storage must be maintained  
9 in the wet years in order to service the  
10 requirements in the dry years as needed by the  
11 fish, that is needed by the cities and also needed  
12 by us farmers.

13 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you, Mr. Verbgon.  
14 Bob Westfall, Bill Gowens, Terry Baker.

15 MR. WESTFALL Bob Westfall, farmer,  
16 Kings County, along the Kings River, also  
17 California State Grange.

18 There's been enough statistics put  
19 out tonight, so don't need to go into all of  
20 that. We need to get more storage. I think the  
21 CALFED program has been putting the cart before  
22 the horse. They talk about off-stream storage.  
23 Where they going to get the water to put into  
24 those storages? They need to get the Auburn dam,  
25 the Roger Crossing Dam built and all the other new

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1 storages they've got proposed.

2 They talk about a 20 million  
3 population increase in the next 30 years. Where  
4 are they going to get the water to feed these  
5 people? They need to get these storages built.

6 The population in the rural  
7 communities are watered by pumps. The ground  
8 water is going down and down and down. And it  
9 will put them homeless if they don't get a better  
10 water supply. We need to get more storage.

11 They talk about the conservation of  
12 water in Los Angeles and other cities, they didn't  
13 mention that it's also the -- rationing water down  
14 there. You can only water your lawn on certain  
15 days and cut back everywhere that you can.

16 The buying of agricultural land and  
17 putting it out of production, I think, is  
18 asinine. When is -- why is the government getting  
19 into the land purchasing business anyway?

20 The water that is -- went out to the  
21 ocean the last few years on the Kings River on my  
22 portion of testimony, it has washed out the river  
23 bottom approximately three feet. That's sediment  
24 has went to the Delta.

25 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you Mr. Westfall.

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1 Jim Gowens, Terry Baker then John  
2 McCall.  
3 Bill Gowens.  
4 Bill Gowens.  
5 Terry Baker, John McCall, Mayor William  
6 Cooke of the City of Tulare.  
7 MR. BAKER I'm Terry Baker, the Tulare  
8 County Farm Bureau. And many people have spoken  
9 about the -- I have two points many people have  
10 spoken about. One of them the increased storage.  
11 I don't see how many of us don't see  
12 how the program could be that successful without  
13 increased amount of storage. We have a storage  
14 system that is -- that's old, needs to be  
15 increased. The newest one, Kaweah, 40 years old,  
16 go older than that. So we need increased  
17 storage. That's one point.  
18 Another point that I'd like to go  
19 over is, you know, as a farmer -- I'm a farmer  
20 myself and sometimes it's hard for us to see the  
21 big picture of what's going on. I think this  
22 works sometimes in the government. I see that  
23 happening where I wonder who is coordinating these  
24 programs. We seem to have different agencies at  
25 different times doing different things and it's

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1 implement the CALFED process. The eco system  
2 restoration, 930,000 acres. Those two today are  
3 over a million acres of ag land or land that will  
4 be affected by this process.  
5 Then you throw -- throw in another  
6 115,000 and others happening the same way. Where  
7 is the coordination? Already in -- already in  
8 California there's -- over 20 percent of the land  
9 is owned by the government. That frightens me  
10 quite a bit.  
11 MR. BODOVITZ Mr. Baker, hate to stop  
12 you.  
13 MR. BAKER Okay. Thank you.  
14 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you.  
15 John McCall, Mayor Cooke of Tulare,  
16 Shirley Batchman.  
17 MR. McCALL My name is John McCall,  
18 automatic dope Bon, Southern California. Mostly  
19 spend my time in Sacramento. I live in Winters  
20 outside of Sacramento.  
21 Taught when you want to participate  
22 effective in a environmental review process you  
23 are supposed to focus in on the details of the  
24 plan and expose technical flaws, erosion around  
25 the state. Much more of a chance for the public

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1 not coordinated. Who is taking care of these  
2 things? This CALFED thing seems to be one more of  
3 those types of things that I just wonder, you have  
4 different people, different agencies here, but  
5 then there's other ones that come in that is doing  
6 other things. Definitely a real challenge for us  
7 at the farm level.  
8 For example, we have the CALFED  
9 process going on. Also here in Tulare County at  
10 the moment we have a program by the Department of  
11 the Interior that is buying up 15,000 acres of  
12 land in Tulare, Fresno and Kings County. Now, how  
13 does this all work together? How does this  
14 coordinate? And what are the implications for  
15 CALFED, this Department of the Interior situation  
16 situation?  
17 We also have a group that's putting  
18 itself together for watershed management in the  
19 local area. How does that tie into CALFED? With  
20 the ownership of government land or the ownership  
21 of land in California is another one of these  
22 concerns that goes right along with the  
23 coordination.  
24 The CALFED process is talking about  
25 243,000 acres they will take out of production to

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1 just to talk about your alternatives. Do they  
2 work for them?  
3 I'm more wearing two buttons tonight  
4 as I did in Stockton because I believe that,  
5 again, and this isn't so much for you as the other  
6 people in the room, that we need to really try to  
7 develop more partners. We've done more of that in  
8 ag land preparation then we've done with the  
9 California endangered species.  
10 If Senator Costa cared for farmers  
11 and ranchers how are we going to do it on water.  
12 Good first step is the passage of water bonds. If  
13 folks didn't hear that, I sure did. There's a  
14 minimum acre feet of new water, dry year water  
15 generated from the recycling infrastructure  
16 improvements of the bond measure we'll all see on  
17 the March ballot. I hope that that is deserving  
18 of support in the agriculture community.  
19 I've heard a lot tonight about  
20 environmental environments, beetles and weeds.  
21 There were some points made at the Stockton  
22 hearing by agricultural interests from Delta. I  
23 want -- for the record and for this audience some  
24 of the Delta farmers make -- regional  
25 self-sufficiency. No pump rates and quantities in

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1 Delta quality water option to private segments  
2 there of concern about conversion of agricultural  
3 farmlands, limitation on water transfers and  
4 development of additional water supply importing  
5 areas.

6 I'm not sure the disagreements we  
7 fashion are environmental versus agriculture. I'd  
8 like outcome of this process -- ag to sit down and  
9 talk about these issues clearly in the ag  
10 community. I hope that -- I'm sure with your  
11 leadership there is some discussion about how to  
12 balance your internal, shall we say, different  
13 interests.

14 So I hope that we can get away from  
15 the rhetoric and move towards a common ground. I  
16 certainly don't believe that -- that environment  
17 restoration should be born on the backs of  
18 agriculture. I don't think that has to happen.  
19 And I hope we can get to the point where we can  
20 talk about how to insure reliability. And  
21 certainty for the agriculture qualities at the  
22 same time meet the goals of ag land protection and  
23 environmental environments.

24 I'm not sure that can happen in  
25 CALFED, but it can happen somewhere else.

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1 yet to recover from the last dry years and that  
2 also is unacceptable to us.

3 Tulare's water supply comes from 23  
4 wells. There is no other source. We are  
5 conscientiously trying to conserve, but if wells  
6 would have to be drilled deeper, the cost to the  
7 city for tapping and pumping water would be  
8 staggering.

9 I urge you to please remember that  
10 our people, our economy and much of the nation's  
11 food supply can very easily be placed at risk.  
12 Please use caution in the decisions that you  
13 make.

14 I also want to add that when we take  
15 farmland out of production, we also take much of  
16 the funds that go through the economy of our  
17 smaller communities out of circulation, the  
18 unemployment goes up. And I do urge you to please  
19 be cautious.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. BODOVITZ Shirley Batchman, Bob  
22 Keenum, Alene Taylor.

23 MS. BATCHMAN Good evening. California  
24 Citrus -- Mutual Citrus Trade Association. It's  
25 been well stated tonight all stake holders are

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1 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you, Mr. McCall.  
2 Mayor William Cooke, Shirley  
3 Batchman, Bob Keenum.

4 MAYOR COOKE Good evening. I am Bill  
5 Cooke, the mayor of the City of Tulare, community  
6 of about 41,000. It's about ten miles from where  
7 we sit right here tonight. And on behalf of the  
8 City of Tulare I would like to address concerns  
9 that affect us.

10 First of all, Tulare -- as is the  
11 case with most communities in the valley, has an  
12 agriculture based economy. We are in an area with  
13 dairies that supply many of our major employers,  
14 where -- an area of high unemployment. If  
15 farmers, whatever they produce, were to lose their  
16 water supply necessary to prosper the effect on  
17 every member of the community would be high.

18 I agree with the Farm Bureau that it  
19 is a very real threat to this valley's water  
20 supply, a major source of export trade would  
21 disappear. And the already painful unemployment  
22 rate would escalate.

23 If the cost of irrigation water were  
24 to climb sufficient to force farmers to pump  
25 ground water, lowering the water table -- we have

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1 looking for one common goal. We all want access  
2 to affordable long-term water supplies.

3 Let me speak specifically to this  
4 valley, though, the four citrus producing counties  
5 in this valley are expected to have one million  
6 new residences in the next 20 years. The existing  
7 water supplies do not address our current needs.  
8 So how does this plan address the growth from our  
9 perspective? It doesn't.

10 With the Okhoe system restoration  
11 given to billing, urban needs will be met,  
12 although we do here quality suspect. Only things  
13 left open for withdrawals is the agricultural  
14 bank, but, you know, unfortunately the fish are  
15 going to be the only ones filling out the  
16 withdrawal slips. And once again the farmer is  
17 going to be asked to do more with less. New  
18 storage facilities is the answer. You're going to  
19 hear that all night.

20 My only question to you is, why has  
21 the CALFED omitted detail plans for the  
22 development of additional storages? I only hope  
23 that your answer is not that the political fire is  
24 too hot to have this topic duly addressed.

25 This draft needs to have a human

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1 face put on it. And I would like to introduce you  
2 to the affected citrus grower. He is a family  
3 farmer. Yes, we have our corporate farmers, but  
4 100 acre growing is the cornerstone of our  
5 industry and industry is the economic backbone of  
6 the communities of this valley. I don't mean to  
7 articulate to you, they've been well-documented in  
8 the last months, but the freezes of -- the two  
9 freezes of the last decade clearly demonstrate the  
10 economic havoc which resonates when the citrus  
11 industry shuts down completely or harvests  
12 one-quarter of its crop in -- a quarter indicator  
13 goal of this plan, but you must not forget one  
14 fundamental principle, everybody in this room  
15 understands, whether you grow food or fiber, good  
16 water practices dictate that growers follow the  
17 scientific data, those meet the optimum needs of  
18 growing their crops.

19 The citrus water formula is three  
20 and a half acre feet of feet per acre, no more, no  
21 less. There are no benefits derived from  
22 additional irrigation and ultimately less money in  
23 the grower's pocket if we go to deficit  
24 irrigation. Growers have been leaders in water  
25 irrigation for decades, successfully shifting from

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1 water resources we must develop those facilities  
2 sooner than later. 4.4 billion dollar plan is a  
3 directly vague and expensive promise, doesn't  
4 provide any -- contribute to California meeting  
5 its future or existing water supply or water  
6 quality needs. In spite of 20 years of neglect  
7 the CALFED proposal makes no credible commitment  
8 to improve supply nor quality.

9 This matter may have been  
10 life-jacketed December of 1994 by the principal --  
11 by Delta Corps December 15, four days later, the  
12 19th, the entire Delta was critically declined,  
13 Delta smelt was purchased in the federal  
14 registry. This means the entire Delta is listed  
15 as an industry for Delta smelt. This CALFED if  
16 improved any flows from Friant into the Delta  
17 redefined as waters that support and maintain the  
18 Delta smelts' critical habitat into danger in 1993  
19 as amended and quite possibly putting all other  
20 water in the Friant under same federal  
21 restrictions ultimately limited from both  
22 agriculture and urban California is a critical  
23 junction. Water quality, water supply needs only  
24 grow during next decade must be directed towards  
25 implementing a plan that will meet in a timely way

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1 furlough to close volume irrigation.

2 MR. BODOVITZ Mrs. Batchman --

3 MS. BATCHMAN I have one more comment,  
4 but I'll go with you.

5 MR. BODOVITZ Bob Keenum, Supervisor  
6 Taylor, then Lloyd Fryer.

7 MR. KEENUM Good evening. I'm here  
8 representing the Building Industry Association  
9 from Tulare and Kings County. The Building  
10 Industry Association recognized in early CALFED  
11 process the importance of addressing environmental  
12 concerns in the Delta. However, we believe water  
13 supply and water quality issues are just as  
14 important as CALFED itself. Improvements in those  
15 areas to be -- could be equal with the objectives  
16 of the overall program.

17 The draft CALFED documents current  
18 population growth. The CALFED program must  
19 expedite development for the necessary estimates,  
20 allow for -- beg your pardon, management water  
21 supply and environment conflicts. Unfortunately  
22 current side steps every support. Changes needs  
23 to be made regarding additional storage and  
24 conservation sites.

25 In order for California to regain

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1 both of those needs. We want the CALFED to return  
2 to the right and balance course that is the basis  
3 of its creation.

4 Our common goal was supposed to have  
5 been one that provided for jobs, housing, economy  
6 and environmental needs -- needs of the Central  
7 Valley and all Californians to be met.

8 CALFED can get back on to target or  
9 can be the target.

10 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you, Mr. Keenum.

11 Supervisor Taylor, then Lloyd Fryer,  
12 then -- I hope I'm reading -- Marilyn Cothen, Kern  
13 County Supervisor.

14 Supervisor Taylor, Kings County.

15 SUPERVISOR TAYLOR Hello. I bring  
16 comments from my fellow board members. And these  
17 are direct quotes Chairman John Ratchford, "More  
18 storage." Supervisor Tony Barba, "More storage."  
19 On have a rare, "More storage. More storage."  
20 More storage." And Supervisor Joe Ness, "More dam  
21 storage." He said you could spell "dam" however  
22 you pleased, preferred is Northern California.

23 Environmentalists have more weight  
24 in deciding the form of the final project  
25 perimeters than the other two-thirds of the state

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1 environmentalists. Goals are phrased in action  
2 items to do. And isolated items are phrased as  
3 future goals to be studied. This is not  
4 acceptable to the agriculture department. And the  
5 people of the Southern and Central San Joaquin  
6 Valley.

7 Exactly how dependent was pointed  
8 up in Governor Davis' report. No industry  
9 dominates regions of California to the extent that  
10 agriculture rules the San Joaquin Valley. In the  
11 valley agriculture farming and services accounts  
12 for over 17 percent of total age and salary  
13 employment. And this was done in July of '99.

14 In speaking to a recent journalist  
15 in Hanford he called the CALFED offices for  
16 information on the CALFED process. He called  
17 apparently at noon, he got through -- because  
18 there were no bureaucrats there, to a biologist.

19 The biologist during the  
20 conversation stated to him that the dual Delta  
21 conservation was found in their research to be the  
22 best answer to the fish population problems in the  
23 Delta, but that somebody at some level made the  
24 decision that was not applicable, acceptable or  
25 sellable and so it was watered down.

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1 people tonight. For instance, we read in the  
2 CALFED ERI basic financing based on principles,  
3 beneficiaries paid then ERI Delta defense have a  
4 pretty good quote, "Raw based public benefits."

5 So let me see if I got it straight.  
6 The public benefits, but the diverse pay even  
7 though you can't tie the degree of benefits to  
8 diversion paid. No mention in the documents of  
9 the federal government paying the diversion fee it  
10 takes for current existing regulation nor is water  
11 account subject to the fee, so I want to ask,  
12 where is the fairness or equity in that?

13 Valerie Holcomb, Public Information  
14 Officer for CALFED quoted in the newspaper by  
15 saying, "The purpose of the CALFED program is not  
16 to increase the water supply, but to improve water  
17 management so it's more reliable." When we need  
18 EIR it subjects several hundred thousand acre feet  
19 additional water up and above base line already  
20 there may need to be reallocated from agriculture  
21 to environment for the ERP to be acceptable.

22 Apparently the goal of CALFED is to  
23 increase environment at the expense of the ag  
24 water supplies. And again, where is the balance  
25 in this ERI? Storage is definitely part of --

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1 And so Senator Costa and I don't  
2 always agree, but we do agree on this, that the  
3 applicable contamination of this process has made  
4 it kind of unreliable. Everything about --  
5 everything is about priorities. The priorities  
6 are clear in this document, not of growing state  
7 population and vital agricultural industry, not  
8 even fish priority in that LA, San Joaquin tax  
9 moneys on their projects while at the same time  
10 blocking, in my opinion, engineered solutions,  
11 which are dams and the isolated man-made canal  
12 until the moneys have been spent and the need for  
13 such facilities arise at a time when they state  
14 you have to sacrifice agriculture and industry to  
15 meet the needs of people because you can't build  
16 anything quickly enough to do any good.

17 MR. BODOVITZ Supervisor, three minutes  
18 are gone, I'm afraid. Thank you very much.  
19 Lloyd Fryer, Marilyn Cothen, Stuart  
20 Pyle.

21 MR. FRYER Lloyd Fryer, Kern County  
22 Water Agency. You have heard a lot of people  
23 tonight talk about need for equipment and balanced  
24 CALFED program. I'd like to give you a few  
25 examples from PR, I -- examples, concerns from

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1 apparently come from increasing system flexibility  
2 water quality applies for the ecology system and  
3 then reached -- pre-exist for widespread  
4 demonstrated efficient use by local water  
5 suppliers.

6 Other important reasons for storage  
7 are held hostage to the water efficiently used  
8 project. And again, where is balance equity? Few  
9 examples cited -- three minutes -- for equity and  
10 in balance that we see in the program.

11 I want you to know Kern County wants  
12 CALFED to succeed. We've made a huge amount of  
13 commercial, fair and balanced CALFED program.  
14 That's not what we see. CALFED needs to go back  
15 to the drawing board, meet those simple criteria  
16 fair and balanced.

17 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you.

18 MS. COTHEN It's Mary Lou Cothen.

19 MR. BODOVITZ Stuart Pyle and then  
20 Arthur Unger.

21 MS. COTHEN Kern County Water Agency  
22 will read a statement from Kern County -- Barbara  
23 Patrick, Kern County Board of Supervisors  
24 resolution expressing their concerns with the  
25 CALFED and forwarded that to the CALFED office.

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1 "Good evening. I've asked this  
2 statement to be read because I'm very concerned  
3 adequately addressing crucial water supply facing  
4 California and Kern County. As a result the water  
5 supply problem is only worse and people of  
6 California and Kern County will suffer if you're  
7 proposed actions toward economic eco system to be  
8 delayed until the future, a future characterized  
9 by water storage because we failed to make  
10 appropriate decisions.

11 Now, we know California is already  
12 critically drought years only a series of wet  
13 years during the five years CALFED working have  
14 prevented serious damage to California's economy.  
15 Your plan creates no improvement in storage or  
16 create a seven-year drought to result in massive  
17 CALFED needs, specifically storage projects that  
18 will be implemented and population levels at which  
19 implemented linking conservation targets risks a  
20 catastrophe if people in Kern County unable to --  
21 simply deprived of water if entry can't meet the  
22 targets shutdown in -- and workers placed on  
23 welfare. Farms can't meet targets, revert to  
24 wastelands. Vague memory in a hungry world. It  
25 is appropriate to -- it is neither appropriate nor

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1 years.

2 The CALFED programs - program  
3 appears to have necessary financial support as  
4 indicated by the state water bond bill just passed  
5 by Governor's commitment to which I understand has  
6 funds for integrated storage program. There needs  
7 to be an acceptable government and monitoring  
8 entity put into place. An adoptive management  
9 process to protest throughout the implementation  
10 period, so adjustments along the way to meet the  
11 program goals and the public needs which may  
12 change as we move into the future.

13 A major positive aspect of the plan  
14 is expensive eco system, fish habitats and  
15 populations by means other than cutting back on  
16 water exported from the Delta. The state and  
17 federal major water delivery systems have had  
18 their water supplies delivery table reduced in  
19 significant amounts in the past three decades  
20 losses to numerous fish populations by taking  
21 water from those major projects. The corps' 1994  
22 planning program removed one million acre feet  
23 from the state and federal export projects. If  
24 this will continue to have serious economic  
25 impacts depends on these supplies for years and

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1 moral to hold the jobs and homes and health of  
2 California hostage to your untested goals.  
3 CALFED's staff and consultants  
4 studied these problems for five years only real  
5 decisions ecology symptoms as representative of  
6 the people of Kern County I invite you to make  
7 water implements based on clear requirements or  
8 future generations will see promise of getting  
9 better together. Nothing more than swallow --  
10 political swallow again.

11 Thank you.

12 MR. BODOVITZ Stuart Pyle, Arthur  
13 Unger, Adrian Mathews, and then we'll take a very  
14 short break.

15 MR. PYLE Yes, I'm Stuart Pyle, a  
16 consultant of Kern County Water Agency, member  
17 CALFED Bay-Delta advisory counsel. Comments  
18 here.

19 On the June, '99 phase two revised  
20 report and the implementation plan on the current  
21 EIR, the plan has good points and weaknesses to be  
22 moving towards implementation and crux for the  
23 public support and financing is a positive step  
24 away from the continuing and extensive  
25 stonewalling that has gone on for the past 30

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1 years.

2 There is no revision in the CALFED  
3 program to restore this water. It is foolish to  
4 think water conservation takes place of this  
5 source, Delta conservation, which includes south  
6 Delta, north Delta and additional conservation to  
7 be implemented during phase one. Programs are  
8 necessary steps, but they do not go far enough to  
9 provide the need for flexibility for the export  
10 projects to pump up to their capacity on the water  
11 flows and were efficient conditions would permit  
12 the plan should have -- should be more specific  
13 in deciding the conditions under which the  
14 additional water conservation facilities or other  
15 water supply reliability improvements, such as  
16 storage should be undertaken.

17 More -- most actions, proposed  
18 funding phase one implementation program appears  
19 reasonable, but two billion dollars estimated for  
20 funds needs recycling, seems excessive. Compare  
21 one billion dollars each ecology system  
22 restriction and water conservation. Those  
23 responsible for assigning the funds and  
24 implementing the programs must be sure that every  
25 program for water conservation and recycling is

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1 cost effective.

2 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you, Mr. Pyle.  
3 Arthur Unger, Adrienne Mathews.  
4 MR. UNGER Good evening. I'm Arthur  
5 Unger of Bakersfield. I'm a property owner for  
6 the property in the San Fernando Valley. We water  
7 every day. If we're doing something illegal, tell  
8 us. I admit we are doing something wrong. If you  
9 love California, let your lawn die. I believe  
10 that conservation is the way to provide water, but  
11 I'm going to talk about groundwater storage this  
12 evening.

13 It was storage that allowed the  
14 lingering of the Delta smelt at the pumps this  
15 spring to be a minor episode rather than a crisis  
16 that could have led eventually to extinction of  
17 the smelt. I have questions about storage first,  
18 some of them have answers.

19 The total evaporated -- well, the  
20 total water that falls in California is 200  
21 million acre feet. I learned that from EIR. 129  
22 are transpired or evaporated right away before any  
23 beneficial use can be made of them. I'd hoped to  
24 learn that -- if water falls in the national parks  
25 and, say, is taken up by a Sequoia or some other

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1 other inappropriate uses.

2 Thank you.  
3 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you, Mr. Unger.  
4 Adrienne Mathews.  
5 MS. MATHEWS Good evening. My name is  
6 Adrienne Mathews. I'm a director of the Kern  
7 County Water Agency. I would like to thank you  
8 for the opportunity to address you this evening.

9 I would like to be able to  
10 congratulate you on the progress you've made, but  
11 I do have some major concerns. First, let me  
12 preface my remarks by saying that we do want the  
13 Delta fixed. We rely on the Delta for our  
14 economic livelihood, our water quality and our own  
15 habitat and environment. I think we've shown good  
16 faith that the state water and Central Valley  
17 project contractors have already dedicated one  
18 minimum acre feet of water to this cause and have  
19 shown a willingness to save additional supplies  
20 through various water use efficiency and storage.

21 My concern is one water supply. We  
22 need some balance in this process. I cannot  
23 believe you haven't given your water supply more  
24 attention. CALFED expects 700,000 acre feet will  
25 be needed for ecology system flows. This is just

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1 plant that attracts people from all the over the  
2 world, has that water been efficiently used or  
3 just evaporated and transpired?  
4 I learned that the Sacramento River  
5 area has 40 million acre feet of ground water and  
6 the safe yield is 2.4 million acre feet and I  
7 thought I'd come on a table that would add that  
8 all up for the whole State of California. I don't  
9 know how many dams there are in California. I  
10 don't know the total capacity of all of them and I  
11 don't know how much water is evaporated from all  
12 of them every year. The one in mind -- lake is  
13 seven acre feet per acre of lake.

14 I see that you want to mitigate  
15 ground water use by importing water from other  
16 groundwater basins, but I don't know of any basin  
17 that ever has any excess water. I don't know how  
18 much energy it takes to move the water around.  
19 Apparently there's no statewide ground water that  
20 exists locally. EB 30 I think allows certain  
21 agencies to manage ground water. An example of  
22 that that can lead to section 36 which is bounded  
23 on the west by the Rosedale Rio Bravo Water  
24 Storage District. Local government is thinking of  
25 building a highway through that land and some

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1 for the Delta and its tributaries. What about the  
2 rest of the state?

3 Our population is increasing daily.  
4 Water projects operating reflect exactly what has  
5 been taken over by governmental agencies for  
6 environmental programs. Drinking water quality  
7 standards are tightening. We need more water.  
8 You really can't believe this increased need for  
9 water can be addressed by water use efficiency  
10 and/or loss of farmland.

11 I represent an urban area in the  
12 southern San Joaquin Valley our main economy is  
13 based on agriculture and oil, both of which have  
14 already been affected by excess environmental  
15 regulatory actions. Oil companies are closing  
16 down and ag land is being sold resulting in one of  
17 the highest employment rate areas in the state.  
18 How can the CALFED process measure the economic  
19 impact of urban savings on our prime farmland and  
20 the increase in water supplies for the environment  
21 against the impact of loss of revenue for the  
22 state and the loss of livelihood for thousands of  
23 families.

24 Oh, I'm running behind. In closing  
25 I would like to say I'm here as a representative

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1 of water agency, but also as a grandmother. May I  
2 remind you the decisions we make today will affect  
3 the quality of life of our children and their  
4 children. The use of our water supply for  
5 environmental restoration of the Delta and other  
6 areas of the state is very important. It should  
7 be an ongoing process.

8 MR. BODOVITZ Miss Mathews, I'm sorry,  
9 the time.

10 MS. MATHEWS Thank you.

11 MR. BODOVITZ Thank you all.

12 Our next speaker John Stoveall, followed  
13 by Jim Beckfold, by Mary Ann Lockhart.

14 John Stoveall.

15 (Pause in the proceedings.)

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