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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Ex. Comm.
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Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am writing you to ask that the period to view and give comments on the CALFed EIR

I farm 100 acres of flowers in Santa Barbara County. I think Calfed should do habitat restoration on existing goverment owned land before it begins buying more land. The goverment already owns 1/2 the land in California. Most of the farmers are better stewards of the land than any public ownership.

There is no way I can take the time to go to the library and read 6500 pages in the Cal Fed EIR and still grow my crops. What we need is more surface storage dams.

Sincerely,
Dick La Rue

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