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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
Cal-Fed Bay Delta Program
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Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

In order to meet its environmental goals, Cal-Fed must more aggressively work to develop new water storage that provides adequate yield. The only way to guarantee sufficient water supply is to capture more of the high flows during wet winters - especially in above-ground reservoirs. The questionable reliability of under ground storage proves simply insufficient and creates more problems than it solves.

Cal-Fed has proposed to fix a system without addressing the causes of its problems. It ignores the San Joaquin River and its problems created mostly by the creation of the Central Valley Project and lack of a Central Drain.

Cal-Fed attempts to force the Delta farmers to fix a system, from the worst possible position. After land retirements, TMDL levels, and water-use efficiency programs, the Delta region stands to suffer the worst consequences of this state project.

Because this final draft EIS/EIR appears to differ greatly from earlier versions, Cal-Fed should schedule another round of public hearings. We also need additional time to evaluate this new environmental report.

Cal-Fed should not finalize its plan until citizens have had adequate opportunity to review it and comment upon it.

Sincerely,

Heather Robinson
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cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Richard Pombo
Governor Gray Davis
Senator Patrick Johnston
Assemblyman Mike Machado
San Joaquin Board of Supervisors