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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
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RE: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

The Cal-Fed plan acknowledges it will have an "irreversible and irretrievable" impact on almost a quater-of-a-million acres of California farmland. Yet Cal-Fed offers no plan to replace this lost land, simply referring to farmland losses as "unavoidable."

As well as Farmers can run wildlife-friendly, productive farms only if they have adequate, reliable, affordable water. Without water, farmland loses its value both as habitat and as a vital food resource for California's growing population.

For both these issues we need more time to evaluate the new environmental report.

Sincerely,

Christopher G.

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Governor Gray Davis
State Senator Patrick Johnston
Assemblyman Mike Machado
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