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CALFED Bay-Delta Program

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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
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fed Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth St., Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Agriculture is a vital part of California's environment and if a quarter of a million acres is taken out of production it will be detrimental to the state. There must be a study on the environmental impact of that land conversion. The plan needs to look for ways to reduce the loss of farmland.

We are stewards of our land and we would be willing to work on a voluntary habitat conservation plan. We don't want to be told what to grow and when to grow it. There must be co-operation all the way around.

There is no way farmers and ranchers can provide habitat and feed people without an reliable and affordable water. The plan must develop water storage. New water storage will help guarantee water for the environment for the dry/drought years, so water won't have to be taken away from farms.

Cal-Fed should hold public hearings to explain its plans before they become final. Cal-Fed should tell us how it plans has changed and how it is going to affect people. This plan should not be finalized until citizens have adequate opportunity to review and comment on it.

Sincerely,

Nevada County Farm Bureau Board of Directors

cc: Senator Diane Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Rep Wally Herger

Governor Gray Davis
State Sen. Tim Leslie
Assemblyman Sam Annestad

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