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Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr Ritchie:

Please extend the time to read, study and comment on the final environmental report released July 21.

Cal-Fed should hold public hearings on the plan. If we have to abide by it, we need to know how we fit into the plan.

Cal-Fed must give strong recognition to California Farmland as a valuable environmental resource. This plan would remove nearly 250,000 acres of farmland from production. There is an environmental impact to this land conversion and Cal-Fed needs to give it more thoughtful consideration. The plan should try to find more ways to reduce the loss of farmland in California

Sincerely,

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