

Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
CALFED Bay/Delta Program
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Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am a Placer County resident. My family has been ranching here for 5 generations and have been actively involved with Placer County Farm Bureau for most of that time.

I am concerned as to how the final draft will affect our ranching operation. It seems like the whole process would be very negative towards agriculture in many ways. One thing for sure without any new surface water storage, within a few short years there will be no water for agriculture with the rapid rate of growth we have here in Placer County.

Mr. Ritchie, I urge you to lengthen the comment period on the EIS/EIR final draft. I also urge you to hold public hearings on the plan so individual landowners such as myself can see how they fit into the plan.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Wiswell, Jr.

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