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

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

Cal-Fed must recognize the value of California farmland and its importance as an environmental resource. The Cal-Fed will take about 250,000 acres out of production. Cal-Fed has not given enough thought to the Environmental-Economic impact of this size of land conversion. The plan must seek ways to reduce the loss of farmland.

Cal-Fed should work with the farmers on a voluntary basis. Some habitat is more suitable for wildlife!

Farmers in California must have reliable affordable water. New storage's must be considered.

Public hearings are a must to explain how the plan is to work. Cal-Fed should not finalize its plan until citizens adequate opportunity to review it and comment upon it.

Sincerely,

Warren Hutchings
General Manager

CC: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Governor Gray Davis
Cogressman Cal Dooley

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