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CALFED Bay-Delta Program

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Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

As a Rancher in Marinette County, I am writing to ask you to extend the time to read and comment on the final environmental report released July 31. It is not realistic to expect anyone to digest a 6500 page document in such a limited amount of time.

In addition there should be public hearings on the plan so that we who must abide by it can understand how we fit into the plan.

The Solution Area for the Cal Fed plan includes most of California's land area. Cal Fed needs to provide residents and landowners in the Solution Area with a better description of what that means. Does being in the Solution Area mean landowners will face additional regulations from Cal. Fed.? Does it mean they may be asked to give up land and water as part of the eventual Solution?

Sincerely
Tom Deutz