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CALFED Bay-Delta Program

Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am writing to ask you to extend the time to read and comment on the final environmental report released on July 21. I also believe Cal-Fed should hold public hearings on the plan.

The Cal-Fed plan acknowledges it will have an "irreversible and irretrievable" impact on almost a quarter-of-a-million acres of Calif. farmland. Yet Cal-Fed offers no plan to replace this lost land, simply referring to farmland losses as "unavoidable". The plan needs to look for ways to reduce the loss of farmland.

Sincerely,

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