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

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

We are long time ranchers in northern Tehama County in livestock production. We are concerned about how the Cal Fed plan will affect the environment on farms and ranches. Farmland is an important natural resource that feeds people and provides wildlife habitat at the same time. The Cal-Fed plan would remove nearly a quarter of a million acres from production. Cal-Fed calls that "unavoidable", but it can and should be avoided. Cal-Fed must look harder for ways to reduce farmland losses.

Only if farmers and ranchers have reliable and affordable water, they will be able to run productive, wildlife friendly farms.

Please consider this point in your final long-term plan. Please listen to the people who provide the jobs for California's number one industry - Agriculture.

Thank you for this consideration.

Sincerely yours,
Harry & Jackie Barker

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