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CALFED Bay-Delta Program

August 17, 2000

Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
CALFED Bay/delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suit 1155
Sacramento, Ca 95841

Dear MR. Ritchie:

I am a Placer County rancher. My family has been ranching on this land for four generations. We are concerned about its future. I ask that you:

1. Lengthen the comment period on your final CALFED EIS/EIR released July 21. I work more than 60 hours a week and there is not enough time to adequately review the plan.
2. Please hold public hearings to explain this plan to us. The 6,500 page report is complicated and technical.

Mr. Ritchie, I am concerned about this document, as I understand it so far. I have lots of wildlife and habitat on my operation. I know that other farmers do too. If CALFED acquires several hundred thousand acres of land as planned, It will be detrimental to habitat. I do not believe that CALFED adequately studied the effects of such a large-scale land conversion.

I do not believe CALFED tried hard enough to minimize farmland loss.

Sincerely,

Danny wiswell



Cc: Governor Davis

Dianne Feinstein

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