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

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am an Almond and Walnut Farmer in the Chico area of Butte County and I am alarmed that this Cal-Fed program is being rushed through at such a rapid pace. What's the big hurry?

This program will have such a far-reaching and long lasting affect that I feel the taxpaying agricultural community deserves more time and more opportunity to respond. After all, it is our money you are spending and it is our livelihood that is at stake. Those of us in agriculture have not had time to consider all the implications of your program. I ask you to consider the following:

1. Delay the enactment until all concerned understand exactly what Cal-Fed intends to do. Remember, we have to work our farms to make a living and don't always have time to attend every meeting you hold, which, by the way, are not always at a convenient time or location.
2. Let us know in plain language exactly what the end result of the Cal-Fed program will be in regards to water transfers and land procured.

Thank you,

  
Frank Prentice