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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
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Dear Mr Ritchie,

I am the office manager and the wife of a farm manager and farmer in Santa Barbara, California. My husband is the fifth generation of farmers in this great state and would like to remain as such. He has kept me abreast and aware of issues that are being discussed and voted on and as such, I am painfully aware of water and its importance to the state. With regard to the CALFED EIR, I respectfully request that you please:

1. Extend the comment period so that we may find adequate time to peruse all the information. We both but in long days with work, home and three children and we need more time to study this document! Summertime is a difficult enough time - school is out, family vacations, relatives, etc. and we need time for something as serious as this.
2. Also, hold hearings so that issues in this document can be explained in plain English for us to understand. We, as a family, need to have more information regarding the effect this may have on our income and future in the farming business before a decision could be made.

This plan is hugely important to the future of our state. Please give us more time to study and comment on this plan.

Sincerely,

Trish Shade

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Cc: Gov Davis
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Barbara Boxer
Hannah-Beth Jackson
Jack O'Connell
Naomi Schwartz & Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
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