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

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Although I am not a farmer it is obvious to me that Cal-Fed must recognize California farmland as a valuable environmental resource. The Cal-Fed plan would take nearly 250,000 acres out of production. Cal-Fed has not given enough thought to the environmental impact of this land conversion. The plan needs to look for ways to reduce the loss of farmland.

It is also totally unrealistic to think that any normal human can read the 6,500-page report and make comments within a 30-day period. This comment period needs to be extended and Cal-Fed should hold public hearings to explain its plans before they become final.

Sincerely,



Art Dove

cc: Governor Gray Davis
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer

Rep. George Radanovich
Senator Chuck Poochigian
Assemblyman Mike Briggs