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

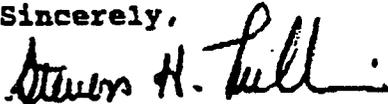
Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Please extend the period to look through the document and provide comments on the final EIS/EIR released July 21, 2000. I personally need more time to review this document. Also I would like public hearings held to explain how this will effect myself and my family as farmers.

I am very concerned about the loss of farmland, loss of water and the lack of progress on storage. As the population continues to grow and the environment continues to require more water, that water should come from newly developed storage, not from farmers.

Again, I request you grant additional time for comments and hold public hearings before you implement the plan.

Sincerely,



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