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Dear Mr. Ritchie;

I am a third generation farmer in California. My family has farmed in Countra Costa & Alameda Counties for more than 150 years. We have been taking Care of Wild life all this time. We grow Wheat, Barley. Oats, Corn, Dry beans, sun flower, hay & Cattle.

It is of great Concern to us how Cal-Fed programs will affect the enviroment on farms and ranches. Agriculture is big and important part of Californias enviroment. Cal-Fed plans to Convert nearly a quarter of a million acres of farm land to habitat and other uses. It should study the enviromental impact of that land conversion.

Cal-Fed must find ways to avoid taking farmland out of production. I know many farmers who take care of wild life as we have for 150 years.

I know water is a necessary part of all life, and without it nothing can survive. We need more storage for the crops, Wildlife, and people. In dry years everything suffers for the lack of water. a shortage of water means a shortage of food, lumber, electricity, jobs and wild life. everything down the line suffers.

Cal-Fed quit telling us how what and when to farm! We the people need to be informed of their plans from the beging and not after they are finalized.

I think the enviomental group and Cal Fed should work with us. We own the land pay the taxes on it and Cal-Fed an the enviomentist tell us how, what, when, to farm. With out the water none of their demands will be fulfilled. We need reliable and affordable water. We need adequate water storage to be able to meet the need of everyone and everything

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