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I farm 700 acres in the delta west of Stockton, Cal, asparagus, wheat and corn and it is of great concern that I view your project, especially your policy of holding meetings to present your plans for our future under CalFed and then changing your plans and saying this is the final result and this is what you're going to do. We the people that will be affected should have at least one more chance to comment on the final draft. This is an enormous project and everyone should have a chance to comment.

I have on my property eucalyptus trees that I and my son planted 30 years ago to provide habitat for hawks, we also have put up numerous owl boxes and leave vegetative strips for other wildlife.

So please consider all of us before you make your final decision.

John Armanino