Aug 9, 2000

Mr. Steve Ritchie
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RE: Final EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

Cal-Fed needs to acknowledge California farm land as a valuable natural resource. Taking large tracts of land out of production will harm the State economy.

Water conservation is a noble goal, but difficult, if not impossible to quantify.

Storage is the only solution that will work year in and year out to fill the need of a growing population.

Also, the volume of material to review can not be comprehended in the short (30 day) period.

This needs to be extended.

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