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Mr. Steve Ritchie, Acting Executive Director
CAL-FED BAY DELTA PROGRAM
1416 Ninth St., Suite 1155
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Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

As a Riverside County poultryman, I am very concerned with the Cal Fed EIS/EIR released July 21, 2000. Our family has been in the egg business for over 50 years. We currently have ranches in Kern, San Diego and Riverside counties. Water is one of our most important commodities. We are not farmers, but need water just as much. With over 3.5 million chickens in the family, our need for water - especially in the summer- is tremendous.

I strongly urge you to extend the deadline. We need to hold public hearings where Cal-Fed can explain its plan before it becomes final. It should not be finalized until we have had adequate time to review it and comment upon it.

Sincerely,

John E. Demler
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cc: Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senator Barbara Boxer, Representative Mary Bono, Governor Gray Davis, Assemblyman Jim Battin, State Senator Jim Bruelte