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Re: Final Programmatic EIS/EIR

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

I am writing to ask you to extend the time to read and comment on the final environmental report released July 21. I also believe Cal-Fed should hold public hearings on the plan, so that we who must abide by it can understand how we fit into the plan.

The Cal-Fed plan acknowledges it will have an irreversible and irretrievable impact on almost a quarter-of-a-million acres of California farmland. Yet Cal-Fed offers no plan to replace this lost land, simply referring to farmland losses as "unavoidable". The plan needs to look for ways to reduce the loss of farmland,

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