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Glenn County Resource Conservation District

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Lester A. Snow  
Executive Director  
Calfed Bay-Delta Program  
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Dear Mr. Snow:

On behalf of the Glenn County Resource Conservation District I would like to request that you extend the comment period by an additional 90 days for the Ecosystem Restoration Program Plan (ERPP). I think there are some obvious discrepancies in the document as brought to light at a public meeting sponsored by the Glenn County Farm Bureau and Orland Water Users Association on September 21. I also would like to request that your office conduct more public meetings in Northern California, with invitations going to the organizations and citizens who are most affected by the proposals put forward in the document - those that rely on Northern California water resources for their livelihood.

I attended the September 21 meeting and heard first hand your staff admit that your own field personnel have not been out "in the real world" to verify the document, and rather, that the document was written using surveys and documents that are outdated and not verified. The Glenn County Resource Conservation District mission is to "provide leadership to help people conserve, improve & sustain our natural resources, environment & the counties economic viability." Like many others, we would like to have the opportunity to submit to your organization comments that are based on facts rather than emotions or hearsay, and therefore request additional time for our own review of the document.

In addition, I understand that you recently sent out a letter expressing your intention is to continue with the October 14 date, regardless of the numerous letters you have received from concerned citizens to extend the deadline. I feel that your lack of action gives us no alternative other than to contact our State Senator and express our disappointment with the CALFED process that is not including adequate public comment from those in Northern California that are most affected by the proposed plan.

Sincerely,

Dick Sexton, President  
Glenn County Resource Conservation District

cc: GCRCD Directors  
California Senator K. Maurice Johannessen  
Glenn County Farm Bureau

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