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Mr. Lester Snow
CalFed Bay-Delta Program
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1155
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

On behalf of the Fresno County Farm Bureau, I would like to request at least one additional hearing, in regards to CalFed, be held in the San Joaquin Valley. Specifically in the areas currently most affected by the water dilemma, such as Fresno, Mendota or Los Banos.

There are many individuals, businesses, cities, counties, etc. in the Central San Joaquin Valley whose access to the only hearing in the valley is in Visalia. Many other areas will be affected by this proposal and I feel they need to voice their concerns.

The Westside of the San Joaquin Valley has been disproportionately impaired by events occurring in the delta (i.e., ESA action protecting salmon and smelt as well as CVPIA), they warrant a hearing in the vicinity.

Thank you for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

Richard E. Milton
President

REM:sf

cc: California Farm Bureau Federation
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