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Dear Ms. Holcomb,

I am writing in response to your announcements for public meetings regarding the CalFed Bay-Delta program. Thank you for scheduling the meetings in the evenings so that working people can attend. However, announcing the meetings shortly before the holidays with only a few weeks notice does not allow us to inform concerned private citizens and activists in a timely manner. People need more than a few weeks to schedule time in their calendars or rearrange their schedules in order to attend. Organizing an intelligent response while most people are unavailable over the holidays is quite difficult. I urge you to reschedule these meetings for the month of February.

Most importantly, I would like to know why no public meeting will be held here in Los Angeles. There are over 14 million water users here who I am sure would like to comment on the plan. We cannot all drive to either Visalia or San Diego to attend a CalFed public meeting. Please schedule a meeting here in Los Angeles for the month of February.

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