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Mr. Rick Breitenbach
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Dear Mr. Breitenbach:

I am writing as a citizen concerned about the outcome of the CALFED Bay Delta Program. Farms continue to lose water supply (over 1 million acre-feet), even after five straight wet years. Actions need to be taken to ensure that California's water supply can meet current and future needs. These include:

-Invest in facilities to ensure adequate water supply.

-Develop new water storage and conveyance facilities.

-Return control of the state's water resources to California through a balanced water-resource allocation program.

-Develop a program that balances the needs of cities, farmers, and the environment.

-Provide more details in the Program.

-Minimize the loss of productive farmland.

-Strengthen water rights and reliability of supply in wet and dry years.

-Create incentives, not threats, to encourage farmers and other landowners to create voluntary habitat restoration and conservation projects.

I look forward to your implementing the above items in the final Program so that the state's water needs are met as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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