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Re: Comment Letter – Bay-Delta Plan SED

1) A goodly amount of testimony was given last Wednesday, March 20, 2013. I would like to add my comments in support of the gentleman from Yosemite Farm Credit who pointed out that farming is a cash intensive business; that farmers are almost all in debt; and that farmers cannot “fallow” their land because to do so would be financial suicide.

2) Taking into consideration the above mentioned points, add to it the thought of what will happen if the farm economy fails due to the lack of water and the farmers cannot pay their property taxes. At this point in our economy, farming is the one industry that is keeping counties throughout the San Joaquin Valley financially afloat.

3) I urge the Board to not implement this tenuous plan. More dialogue needs to occur in conjunction with the Ag community and all other interested parties to effect a solid and lasting solution for the Bay-Delta problem without appropriating long established water rights from one walk of life to hand it over to another!

Sincerely,

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