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Comments:

① Some months ago CalFed sponsored an expert panel to evaluate the ERP. One of the panel's comments was that the program needed to address the problem of invasive non-native species in the Delta. That has still not been done. Those of us who live here and have seen this invasion do not believe the ERP will succeed without an effective plan to reduce these species. There will be a GREAT deal of money and water wasted on an ineffective program without that.

② Transfers do not make new water. Conservation measures may have local benefits to water quality but except near salt sinks it will have little affect on increasing the water supply as elsewhere in the state any unconsumed water is recaptured and reused by other water users. The program MUST include additional energy + cost efficient storage to increase the state's water supply. Raise Friant Dam.

③ We farmers feel good about growing food for people. We cannot feed a growing population with less water. Science has not figured out how to grow more biomass with less water. Let's base today's solutions on today's science. ~~[illegible]~~ Becoming dependent on foreign food in a politically unstable world is bad policy.

④ The plan must include an effective solution to the salt imbalance in the Central Valley without destroying our ability to feed our country!

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