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Dear Mr. Keith Boggs:

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I am a third generation dairy farmer living west of Modesto that is very concerned about the proposed West Park Project. We in Agriculture face many challenges that this project only compounds.

1. How will the 4,000 plus acres of productive farm land be replaced with the same quality of land in the same local area?
2. Where will the water source come from to support the demands of this project? Water already is in short supply for this local area as well as most of California.
3. How will the tremendous impact of rail, truck, and car traffic be mitigated for this rural area? Who will pay for building the roads and necessary improvements?
4. How will Bio-security be maintained with the incoming flow of foreign shipping containers into this agriculturally rich and diverse area (both plant and animal)?
5. How will this project impact surrounding farms and their ability to keep farming without undue restrictions?

I hope that these sincere concerns as well as from many others will be thoroughly addressed.

Sincerely,



David Couchman