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To the Members of the State Water Board:

As you deliberate the Substitute Environmental Document related to the Bay Delta Plan, I beg you to keep the health of the Delta as your top priority.

I am 86 years old, born in Hawaii but have lived in California since I was 3 ½.

Over the years my family and friends have done many things to live within our water allotments: we have installed new low-flow toilets in all our bathrooms, replaced our lawns with drought tolerant plants, and tried to get accustomed to 4-minute showers. But as I travel this state, north to south, I don't see much effort by others who are big water users, e.g., I still see mile after water-soaked mile of rice fields and cotton fields – and wonder why we are still doing this kind of grand-scale farming.

Shouldn't we be smarter about how we use the water we have?

Is it smart to let our fisheries die so we can export rice and cotton?

Is it smart to divert even MORE water from the Delta?

Is it smart to continue to build and irrigate golf courses?

Is it smart to expand housing developments where there is no natural water source?

As the Hawaiians would say: “Onipa`a, Water Board!” *Stand Fast--persevere* and base your decision on the best available science as you think about the future. Make sure there will be water in it. Reject options 1 and 2--choose #4.

Thank you for your attention. Our children and grandchildren will thank you for restoring a healthy flow to the rivers.

Very truly yours,

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