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One of the major problems with defining the issue as a comprehensive response to climate changes is the initial false premise that climate change is fundamentally due to anthropogenic causes, nor can it even be labeled as a significant factor. Human contributions to the phenomenon of climate change is not a consensus determination. Throughout time since the formation of the planet, climate change has been a fundamental component of the evolution of the earth. It can hardly be argued that the ice ages of the Pleistocene vanished because of human activities. It is equally ludicrous to ascribe changes to the earth's current climate exclusively to contemporary human activities. The biggest problem with the State's climate change laws and regulations is that they are founded in the generalizations of political science and not empirical science. Accordingly, your draft resolution is advanced as more of a political statement than one that is actually formulated on a basis of fact.

As a constituent agency within Cal/EPA, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has embarked on a radical agenda of advancing laws and regulations that do not serve the interests of all of the State's stakeholders, and seemingly are self-serving efforts to demean capitalism as well as independent resource ownership, e.g., property rights ... inclusive of water rights. In fact, there is an institutional culture that has developed under Cal/EPA that advances the extreme and outlier special-interests of environmental activists to the overall detriment of the State's quality of life and economic vitality. As a former career employee of Cal/EPA, since the formation of the agency in 1991, I have seen first-hand the internal emergence of a culture of dishonesty within Cal/EPA's management and subsequent implementation of policy. This unfortunately includes the SWRCB. Your draft resolution is just a furtherance of this same institutional dishonesty.

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