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Kristin Olsen
Assemblymember, 12th District
3719 Tully Rd., Suite C
Modesto, CA 95356

RE: State Water Resources Control Board

Honorable Ms. Olsen,

You have requested that we contact the State Water Resources Control Board with regard to their latest proposal on the diversion of river water from the San Joaquin Valley to the delta.

I agree with you that the impact on both the land and the economy would be devastating. In fact this appears to simply an attempt by the board to generate a "make work" project that only serves to justify the continued existence of the board.

Given their total disregard for the ruinous outcome of this proposal I am afraid I can only make one recommendation for the board. The board needs to be disbanded. It has demonstrated that its long-term goal has little if anything to do with the preservation of our most precious resources. In fact its entire charter needs to be rewritten to reflect the realities of nature and the place of our valley within the current scheme of nature.

In order to better preserve our resources as a state it would reflect well on you that before you leave office at the end of this term that you propose a bill that challenges every state, county, and local government to install every possible square inch of solar generating power possible.

While our water may be severely restricted in the future with shifts in global weather it's pretty certain that we will continue to have adequate sunlight. If that sunlight can be converted to cheap electric power we can eliminate the southern California need to raid our resource by enabling them to create their own desalinated water for a reasonable cost. Thus allowing northern California water to flow as nature intended. At the same time our power companies can earn their profits and continue to employ their personnel by transporting and delivering that power to where it is needed.

Sincerely,

David Ablett
Cc: State Water Resources Control Board