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VINEYARDS

My name is Warren Bogle and I am the President and Vineyard Director of Bogle Vineyards and Winery in Clarksburg.

I take great interest in the Tunnels project as this massive water diversion will have an adverse impact on our vineyards, winery, employees and the many families who live here.

Our family has been farming in the Delta since the late 1800s. For more than a century, we have relied on the Sacramento River and the other Delta water ways to grow everything from alfalfa to corn, and now wine grapes. Since planting roots in the Clarksburg area, the six generations of Boggles have grown the crops that help to feed the nation.

Today, we manage nearly 1,600 acres of wine grapes in the Delta. The proposed new Tunnels diversions of the high-quality water from the Sacramento River will dramatically impact our ability to produce fruit on the lands we have farmed for six generations. Two of the diversions are directly across the river from the proposed Tunnel diversions, and we are concerned about the injuries the Tunnels will have on our pumps and infrastructure. Adverse changes include both decreased water quality and lower water levels, which is in direct conflict with our water rights.

Quality grapes are important, but we also believe firmly in operating a sustainable farm and winery. We take great care in limiting water waste by using drip systems on 90% of our vineyards and eco-friendly practices in our fields and in our production facility on Hamilton Road.

Even with these sustainable practices, water remains a scarce resource and diverting up to 9,000 cfs out of the Sacramento River will undermine our ability to continue as farmers in the Delta as we know it today.

It is not just the crops that will suffer if the Tunnels are allowed to be built and operated. We employ more than 100 full-time employees, many who live here and a large number have been part of Bogle Vineyards for more than 20 years. Interfering with our ability to farm these lands could result in the loss of jobs as well.

We take pride in our land, in our wine and we care greatly for the people that help make Bogle Vineyards an internationally acclaimed winery. The Tunnels will threaten the very existence of Bogle Vineyards, and for that reason the entire Bogle family and its employees oppose this plan and respectfully requests that the Petition be denied.

Warren Bogle, President