

*Hearing in the Matter of California Department of Water Resources and United
States Bureau of Reclamation*

Request for Change in Point of Diversion for California WaterFix

Barbara Vlamis

Statement of Qualifications

Professional Experience

2009 - present, Executive Director of AquAlliance

1991-2009, Executive Director of Butte Environmental Council

Professional highlights include:

- Reviewed, commented on, and litigated over inadequate California Environmental Quality Act and National Environmental Policy Act documents pertaining to the Sacramento River, its tributaries, and groundwater basins.
- Advocated for groundwater protection in Butte County through ordinances, General Plan elements, Basin Management Objectives, and an Integrated Water Resource Plan.
- Litigated Endangered Species Act cases for vernal pool species that resulted in a critical habitat rule and the Recovery Plan for Vernal Pool Ecosystems of California and Southern Oregon (900,000 acres).
- Reviewed, commented on, and litigated northern California infrastructure and urban expansion projects requiring Clean Water Act permits and Endangered Species Act consultation affecting Waters of the U.S.
- Reviewed and commented on the Remedial Action Plan and Clean Water Act notices regarding the cleanup of the largest burn dump in California. Eight years of advocacy and collaboration with the community resulted in the safest outcome for neighbors and the environment.
- Twice blocked the construction of a gravel mine and batch plant in the Sacramento River flood plain with an eclectic coalition which included neighbors, farmers, and environmental groups. The mining operation would have degraded groundwater, increased flooding hazards, accelerated the deterioration of local roads, and increased air, groundwater, and surface water pollution.
- Planned and hosted numerous professional conferences over 20 years regarding wetland and water policy, law, and science.
- Reviewed and commented on NorthState county and city general plans and California Environmental Quality Act documents.