

# LATE COMMENT



Dear Chairperson and board,

Last year in March 2014, when Paul Marshall and other DWR representatives met with a large group of North Delta landowners regarding proposed barriers on Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs, it was pointed out by affected homeowners that installing one barrier at the west end of Steamboat Slough would allow freshwater to remain on Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs, thereby reducing or eliminating potential salinity impacts to the farmers and other landowners along both natural and historic waterways. In addition, one would assume the cost to install one barrier instead of two would be less, even though the barrier would span a larger area. The proposed boat passage gates or ramps could be installed on state or government owned land along Grand Island, just east of Hidden Harbor, so that the farmers or other landowners along Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs would not have to be concerned with levee impact by their lands. Has this alternative been considered and if not, why not? In addition, we were promised clear computer modeling showing the possible impacts to our properties and businesses and homes would be provided. It is almost a year later and that information has not been provided.

Prior to any final decision to install barriers anywhere along Steamboat and/or Sutter Sloughs, I request that a meeting be schedule with affected parties of Grand, Ryer and Sutter Islands, and those of us along Steamboat and Sutter Sloughs, to review projected impacts and mitigations, since water diverted away from us reduces our water quality in order to improve the water quality of others with later water rights, most likely. I also request that the designer/planners for the barriers provide concise information as to why the proposed barriers have been proposed in the locations previously modeled, and why the alternatives have not been addressed so far.

Respectfully submitted,  
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