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Dear Felicia Marcus, Board Chair and Board Members,

I was present at the Modesto public hearing on December 20 2016 for 3-plus hours, and have spent additional hours viewing the 9:46 minute video on-line. Thank you for that opportunity, as it served to **cement my support of your plan.**

So many speakers! **I agree completely with speakers Tom MacDonnel, Patrick Kopel (3:19), Set (sp?) Connolly, Scott Schoetgun, Mr. Lidel, Marty MacDonnel, Mr. Gain (3:34—exceptional), Miss Gonzalez, Mr Derwin, Megan Fisk (excellent), and others that spoke toward the end of that very long day. All spoke to the fact of over-allocated water and the corresponding need for far greater agricultural water-use efficiency.**

I found it increasingly noteworthy that opponents did not address what is to me a very fundamental point: **That it is precisely their (not all of course, but most) land-development, management and water-use practices that has lead to the predicament we face today. Plus, the addition of cultivated acreage during the current drought has exacerbated the already existing problem.**

Thank you for the important work that you are doing in your plan to promote a healthier ecosystem that benefits everyone.

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