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Owens Valley, the removal of the water in one area to benefit another area. The proposal by the Water Board is for the Stanislaus, Toulumne, and Merced Rivers is **Owens Valley** on steroids with the destruction of a vibrant agricultural & metropolitan area. We have seen the effect of reduction of water on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley. Lost jobs, farms out of business, loss of business that served the farms and workers. **Owens Valley** was the destruction of an agricultural area to supply water to Los Angeles. This proposal is the same. Ship Sacramento River water to Los Angeles and use the Stanislaus, Toulumne, and Merced Rivers to flush the Delta and San Francisco Bay with the **destruction of the aquifers** in the area caused by unsustainable pumping to supply water to farms and cities. All the citizens in the Stanislaus, Toulumne, and Merced Rivers area will be negatively affected. **Owens Valley** all over again. The Water Board has no moral or legal basis for the taking of the water. **Owens Valley** is the classic example of the destruction of aquifers and habitat driven by the greed for water.

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