Public Comment 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED Deadline: 3/17/17 12:00 noon

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3-15-17 SWRCB Clerk

Dear Members of the Board;

I am writing to express my opposition to the 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED. I have waited to write regarding the Amendment to the Bay-Delta Plan so that I could continue to watch, read, attend meetings, and be educated on the subject and proposed Amendment. In that time, we have seen devastating consequences to the environment and the entire region from the massive flooding and infrastructure failure due to lack of maintenance at the same time people were told they were in a continued drought. Even the Governor admits that we are no longer in a drought, but we may be if you continue on with this flawed proposal. The flooding has emphasized how the board's scientists and reports are flawed and I would encourage you to start over with a new proposal that is created with input from the many stakeholders in the region who will be affected as well as a more open and transparent report of what the board's end plan really is.

My grandparents immigrated to the Turlock area in the early 1900s and their farm is still in the family being farmed by my cousins. It is in the Turlock Irrigation District. Their lifelong dream of success for their nine children was never realized as my grandfather died from skin cancer at a young age, leaving my grandmother to raise them alone. The picture that I am attaching is a very special picture to our family. It reminds all of us of their sacrifice, the hard work and life that they all endured to create a better life for the future generations. My father was one of the smaller boys and his goal in life was to ensure that none of us ever knew the poverty that they endured. As a small farmer and business owner, I look at what is happening to this region and wonder if I can make that promise to my children and grandchildren. Please do not adopt this flawed plan.

Respectfully, Nancy Petersen Hughson, CA