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State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Chairwoman Marcus and Members of the Board:

The Farmland Working Group has been a long-standing advocate for protecting some of the most vital soils for crop production on earth. Certainly our creed contends with the importance of water.

The Board of Farmland Working Group supports the people of Stanislaus County and surrounding counties in protesting the proposed Bay-Delta Plan by the State Water Resources Control Board. The FWG Board supports the language California Assembly Member Adam Gray has outlined in his letter to the State Water Resources Control Board dated January 3, 2017.

The FWG Board believes the process by virtue of the flawed and noninclusive staff reports can be rectified with more inclusive fact-finding information and stakeholders taking part as decision makers.

As former councilmember for the City of Newman, I was told water issues would continually play a prominent role in the Central Valley, and the political volley over water rights unending. It seems ironic that these current discussions are taking place when water seems so abundant; we know the core issue remains, water distribution.

Sincerely,

E. Timothy Parker, Chair
Farmland Working Group

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