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I would like to express my wholehearted support for the preservation of California's wetlands and prohibition of development on these areas.

Protecting and restoring California's wetlands should be a priority because of the major role they play in ecosystem health. For instance, wetlands filter water, removing sediment and other pollutants, which improves water quality. Coastal wetlands provide a buffer from storm surge and control erosion, both of which will help address sea level rise from climate change. Wetlands provide important habitat for migratory birds and numerous other fish, reptiles, and amphibians that are found only in California.

California has already lost over 90% of its historic wetlands. I'd say that was more than enough loss. Time to stop the destruction and start putting them back.

Thank you.

Sam Butler