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Testimony Statement

TO: CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

RE: California Water Fix

Hearing the Matter of California Department of Water Resource and U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Requests for a Change in Point of Diversion for California Water Fix and Testimony of Steve Haze, Individual Citizen of the State of California representing the Public's Interest on behalf of North Delta CARES

I am testifying that the California Water Fix and the request for a Change in Point of Diversion is without merit based upon a number of financial, technical, socioeconomic and environmental deficiencies that are not in the best interest of the people of California – and under the Public Trust Doctrine of the California State Constitution. In fact, the Water Fix is a decision that has usurped the will of the people of California without their ability to vote on the matter.

Additionally, the following further demonstrates the inadequacies associated with the request:

- 1) No through the delta surface conveyances were as thoroughly researched with the same level of detail
- 2) The costs as proposed are not “fixed” and are variable through time
- 3) Risk analysis and the probability of cost overruns, schedule delays and technical deficiencies of the California Water Fix have not been fully analyzed and what their impacts will be to the people of California
- 4) The Request does not conform California Water Plan (Bulletin 160 Strategic Plan, goals and objectives in many ways; including developing strategies for regional self-sufficiency and sustainability.
- 5) The mere act of investing in such a significant investment is “taxation without representation” and gives regional preference for the “highest and best use” of a finite resource without regional equity and protection assured.
- 6) There needs to be further in-depth analysis of the impacts to water quality during construction as it relates to legacy mining and latent amounts of mercury and what the disturbance will create – as well as the handling and disposal.
- 7) The California Water Fix may not be the most cost effective means in which to manage water transfers south of the delta. Other options need to be researched for their feasibility – such as “west of the delta” transfers – that also address X2 salinity challenges – and “leveraging” off of existing infrastructure already in existence.

- 8) Real time SCADA (Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition) systems that are enhancements of CALSIM II should be viewed as a “Smart grid” arrangement that can save the taxpayer significant amounts of money and achieve more return on the investment – as well as reducing risk over time.
- 9) The request for a Change in Point of Diversion is the first step in backing into an expensive and irreparable loss of the largest delta ecosystem remaining on the west coast.
- 10) The Change in Point of Diversion does not address the supply versus demand water budget imbalances on a regional basis while driving towards regional self-sufficiency and sustainability

Respectfully submitted on September 2, 2016,



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