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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) 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 with detrimental impacts to surface and groundwater resources.
- 3) The California Water Fix may not be the most 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.
- 4) Real time SCADA (Supervisory Controls and Data Acquisition) systems that are enhancements of CALSIM II should be viewed as a “Smart grid” arrangement that are effective – as well as reducing risk over time.

Respectfully submitted on October 14, 2016,



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