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State of California State Water Resources Control Board

**DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS**

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**PROTEST- PETITION**

This form may also be used for objections

**PETITION FOR CHANGE ON**

APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> PERMIT \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup> LICENSE \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>

OF \_\_\_\_\_<sup>1</sup>

*We, Ronald M. Perkes, 1112 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato, CA 94949; [ronp@tangent.com](mailto:ronp@tangent.com) and Theresa Kelly, 1112 Bel Marin Keys Blvd., Novato, CA 94949; [teri.kelly@autodesk.com](mailto:teri.kelly@autodesk.com), have carefully read the petition for change to the water rights of the State Water Project (SWP) and the Central Valley Project (CVP) for the California WaterFix, submitted to the State Water Board on August 25, 2015, by the California Department of Water Resources and the US Bureau of Reclamation; and the addendum and errata to the aforesaid petition submitted September 11, 2015, to the State Water Board by the same petitioners.*

Attach supplemental sheets as needed. To simplify this form, all references herein are to protests and protestants although the form may be used to file comments on temporary urgent changes and transfers.

**Protest based on ENVIRONMENTAL OR PUBLIC INTEREST CONSIDERATIONS:**

- the proposed action will not be within the State Water Resources Control Board's jurisdiction.
- not best serve the public interest.
- be contrary to law.
- have adverse environmental impacts.

State facts which support the foregoing allegations:

*As lifelong California residents aged 63 and 53 respectively we protest against the wanton destruction of the bay, delta, Northern California Pacific Ocean ecosystem. We, our extended families, and friends are lifetime users of the Delta, the Sacramento River and many of it's tributaries, the San Francisco Bay, and the Pacific Ocean.*

*In our lifetimes we have witnessed a dramatic reduction in the quality and integrity of this extended ecosystem to the extent that it's very life-giving capabilities are at issue as the powerful agribusiness lobbyist seek more water with which to irrigate the arid desert lands of the Southern Central Valley. I have boated in the many sloughs south of the proposed intakes. Over the past decades reduced water flows have choked many of these waterways with mud deposits weed banks that trap still more mud. Gone are 90% of the sandy beaches. The huge declines in endangered salmon runs have already extincted many of the runs. Survival of remaining salmon,*

<sup>1</sup> Petition for diversion and rediversion submitted by DWR and the Bureau applies to Permits 16478, 16479, 16481, and 16482 and 16483 (Applications 5630, 14443, 14445A, and 17512, respectively) of the Department of Water Resources for the State Water Project; and Permits 11315, 11316, 11885, 11886, 11887, 11967, 11968, 11969, 11971, 11973, 12364, 12721, 12722, 12723, respectively) of the United States Bureau of Reclamation for the Central Valley Project.

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*which impacts the Pacific Ocean and many North Coast economies now necessitate drastic resuscitation measures with no clear evidence that the salmon and salmon-based economies of Northern California will survive with environmental and economic impacts that are undervalued and/or unknown.*

*Corporate agri-business lobbyist have deceptively framed this issue as a domestic water scarcity issue for 20 million SoCal residents in an effort to give them a perceived stake in the game. These scare tactics are designed to cause the populous Southern part of the state to opt for what is perceived as self-preservation while the fate of the northern part of the state is "out of sight, out of mind". Meanwhile Agribusiness continues to plant. Anyone driving I-5 can clearly see hundreds of square miles of recent plantings. It is as if Agribusiness considers water entitlement despite whatever the cost to be it's birthright.*

*We petition to participate in both Parts 1 and 2 of the hearings scheduled by the State Water Board concerning this change petition.*

*Under what conditions may this protest be disregarded and dismissed? (Conditions should be of a nature that the petitioner can address and may include mitigation measures.) Virtually none, as the SWB has already gone too far in allowing big corporate agribusiness lobbyist to control and dictate environmentally irresponsible water policy, to enjoy low-cost water financed on the backs of others.*

*If there were ways to store clearly excess flows in above normal rainfall years through construction of low-impact reservoirs such as San Luis Reservoir, to intake that water in an environmentally responsible way, and if Agribusiness had to pay the FULLY-BURDENED cost of such projects based upon their percentage of actual usage we might feel differently but the current proposal does none of the above.*

**All protests must be signed by the protestant or authorized representative:**

*See signatures of protestants and listing of parties receiving service of Restore the Delta's protest at the end of our protest petition attachment.*

A true copy of this protest has been served upon the petitioner Personally or by mail

Date: 1-2-2016

Protestant(s) or Authorized Representative sign here:

*Ronald Perkes*  
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*Theresa Kelly*  
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Protests MUST be filed within the time allowed by the SWRCB as stated in the notice relative to the change or such further time as may be allowed.



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