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I wish to make several comments on the proposed WaterFix.

I am a Landscape Architect from Northern California. The California Delta is a wondrous environmental region at great risk. The original Peripheral Canal dismayed millions of people in California because they understood the environment and the delicate balance of the outflow of the rivers and the influx of the brackish/sea water. They had seen what hydraulic mining had done to the rivers and fisheries of Northern California.

There are already wells in the Delta that are drawing saline water as a result of the Canal. These wells are forever ruined. This is due to a reduced outflow of fresh water from the rivers as it is being sent south.

In the distant past Caesar salted the fields of Northern Africa to keep that massive bread basket from feeding millions of people who might have risen up to rebel against Rome.

In the recent past Fidel Castro salted the fields of Cuba for the same reason, control of the population.

Make your own conclusions about the intent to send Northern California water to Southern California and allow extensive salt incursion into previously only fresh and/or brackish water situations.

Farmers along Highway 5 have allowed their orchards, fields, etc., to die and then claimed they had not received enough water to keep their fields, trees viable. In truth they have been selling their water to Municipal Water of Southern California because they make more money that way and then receive hardship funds for their poor, dead fields and trees.

In short they are farming water.

They should have been made to sign affidavits to promise that they would not sell the water.

It is not theirs to sell.

In a visit to Cabo San Lucas, Baja California Sur in December 2015 research was done concerning the fact that EVERY major hotel in that desert area has their OWN water desalinization plant. But Southern California cannot achieve this kind of project? They do not want to do it or it would have already been done.

The waters of Northern California are such a precious resource and feed millions of people in the bread basket that is the Central Valley. The Peripheral Canal was an abomination and this pipeline will further the demise of one of the greatest growing areas in the world. Shame on you who would foist this on the people of California and their children and children's children.

Sincerely,

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