

August 10, 2016

To: State Water Resources Control Board

We are writing to protest the petition by California Waterfix for the proposed new intakes and water diversion on the Sacramento River. There are many excellent reasons to deny this permit based on scientific, economic and environmental factors. But there is another reason to deny this permit – because their plan will destroy our home, which has significant historical significance to the Delta community and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Rosebud Rancho has been part of the Sacramento Delta since the 1860's. William Johnston, like so many others came to California bound for the gold fields on August 26, 1849. But after about a year, he purchased a squatter's title to a quarter section of land on the Sacramento River, where he lived and sought his fortune in the "gold" of the rich California soil. He married Elizabeth Hite, from another Delta family in 1854; they raised 5 children and expanded Rosebud Rancho to a magnificent 1,200 acres, with a 400' dock to ship produce and dairy both up river, and to San Francisco.

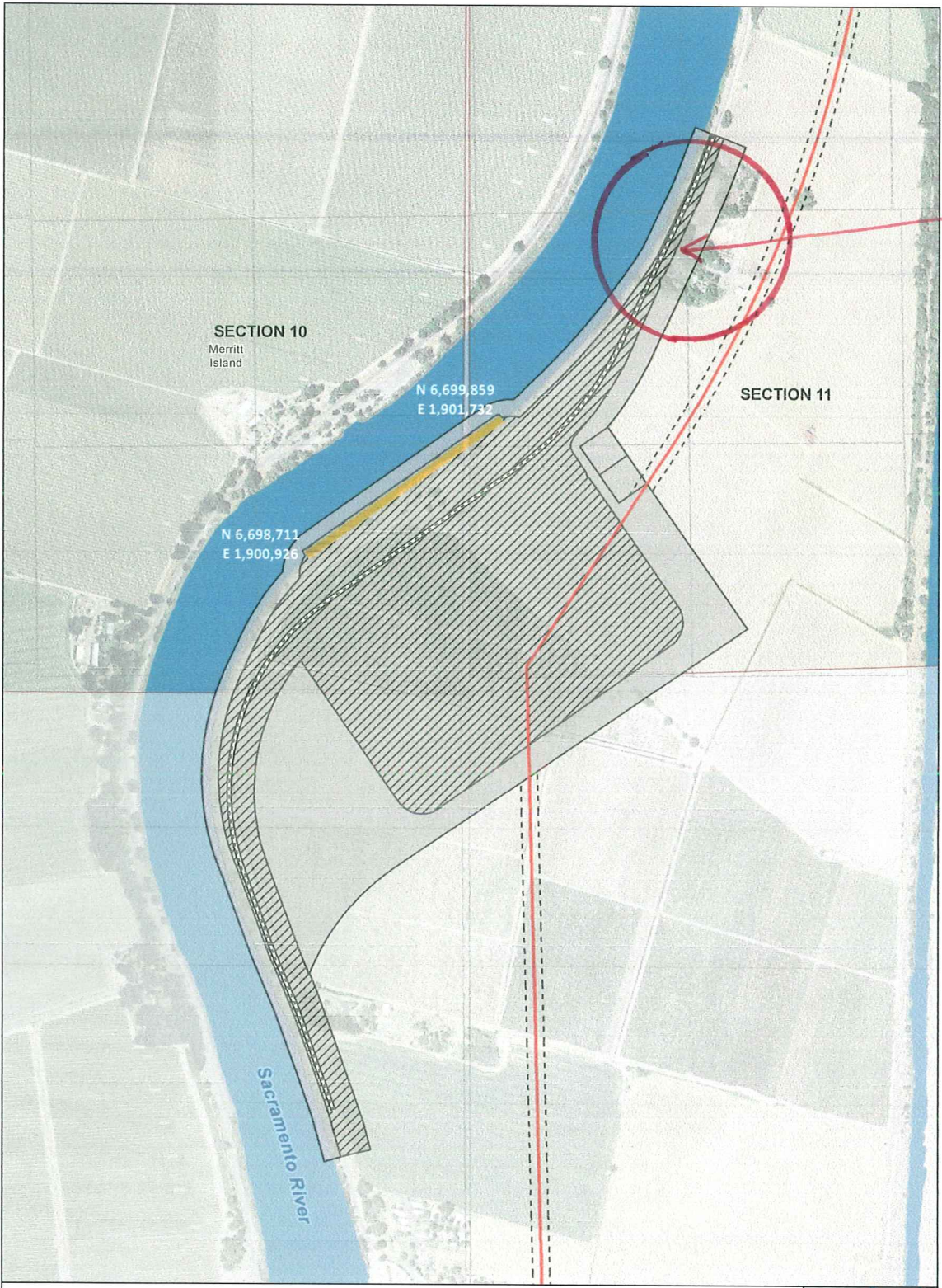
Johnston was a very active member of the community and achieved both state and national prominence, serving in many public positions. He was well respected and eventually served as assemblyman in 1871 and 1872, and as a state senator in 1880 and 1881. While in the Senate, he was honored as President Pro Tem.

As he expanded his farming operation, he sought to build a magnificent home for his family as well, and in the early 1870's he engaged the noted architect, Nathaniel Goodell, who also achieved fame as the designer of the Governor's Mansion in Sacramento. Eventually Rosebud Mansion was completed around 1877 and it was one of the grandest residences on the Sacramento River. Both Johnston and his wife died in 1905 and the home passed to his daughter Matie, Mrs. Frank Edinger. Two more generations of the Edinger family lived in the home until it was sold in 1968 to prominent artist, Wayne Thiebaud. Thus started a nearly twenty year period of five different owners.

Rosebud had been placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1979, due not only to the magnificent Victorian design, but also to the prominence of her original owner. However when we purchased her in 1987, the "bloom was certainly off the rose." So for nearly 30 years we have restored our home to its original glory, even painting it the original rose color chosen by Johnston 140 years ago!

But now, the proposed engineering facilities for this diversion includes a "Permanent Surface Impact" in Section 11 that runs right through our home as well as our rental house next door. We understand there are federal environmental impact reports that are mandatory in cases that affect property on the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, we urge you to deny this permit, and save our home!

Sincerely,  
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Rosebud Rancho

SECTION 10  
Merritt Island

SECTION 11

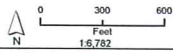
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Sacramento River

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| <b>Legend</b>       | <b>Proposed Engineering Facilities and Footprint</b> |
| Interstate          | Permanent Access Road                                |
| State Highway/Route | Tunnel   |
| Railroad            | Intake   |
| Water               | Permanent Subsurface Impact                          |
|                     | Permanent Surface Impact                             |
|                     | Temporary Surface Impact                             |



\*Surface impacts are not expected to result from subsurface features.  
 \*\*In-river features are not a permanent impact to navigation.  
 \*\*\*Coordinate System: 1983 California State Plane II (Feet)



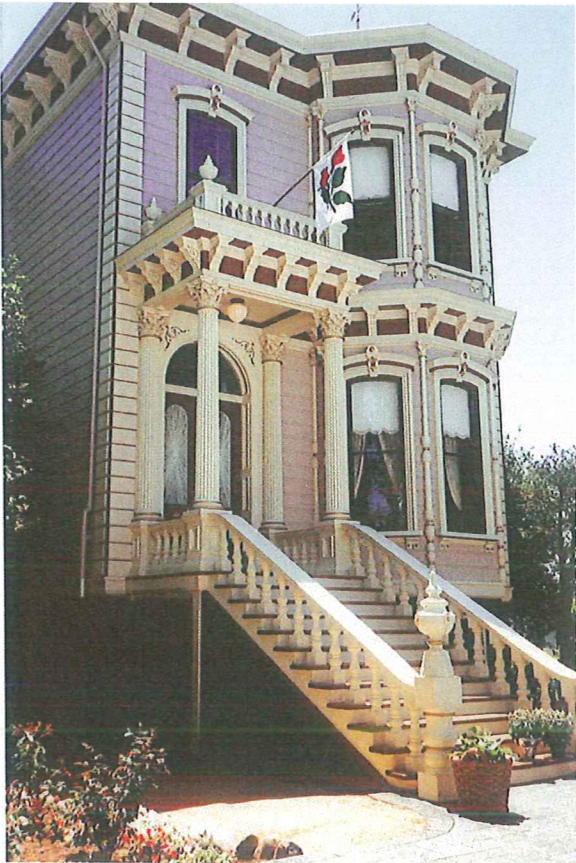
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**Intake 2**  
**State Water Resources Control Board**  
**Petitions for Change in Points of Diversion**  
**Application Numbers: A17512, A14445A, A14443, A5630**

# Rosebud Rancho



Approx. 1880



Today

# Rosebud Rancho



**Crown Molding**  
*Restored 1992*



**Faux  
Graining**  
*Restored  
1992*



# Rosebud Rancho



**One of Five  
Marble Fireplaces  
*Restored 1992***

**Interior  
*Restored***

