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State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
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Re: Policy Statement Against Permits to the DWR and FBR for the California WaterFix  
Proposed Water Diversion Construction and Infrastructure in the Delta

Dear Water Board Members,

My husband, Peter, and I live in Clarksburg, a community in the north delta. We are deeply concerned about the effects of dewatering on local wells. The entire population of the north delta relies upon well water. The environmental documents say that construction of the intakes and other structures could dewater wells up to a distance of 2,600 feet from the project. The towns of Clarksburg and Hood are within that distance. Here is what the groundwater chapter in the EIR says about mitigation:

“Offset domestic water supply losses attributable to construction dewatering activities. The BDCP proponents will ensure domestic water supplies provided by wells are maintained during construction. Potential actions to offset these losses include installing sheet piles to depths below groundwater elevations, deepening or modifying wells used for domestic purposes to maintain water supplies at preconstruction levels, or **securing potable water supplies from offsite sources. Offsite sources could include potable water transported** from a permitted source or providing a temporary connection to nearby wells not adversely affected by dewatering.” – Chapter 7

How much potable water would be brought in? Would it be in bottles? Or would it be in cisterns hooked up to our individual water supplies? If bottles, this would be totally unacceptable. The idea of “camping” in our own homes, businesses, and schools for years so that water can be sent to other communities is absolutely unacceptable. If we don’t have *running water* in which to bathe and cook, we certainly won’t have water to maintain our homes and properties. Residents will be forced to leave, and their homes left empty. If this happens, the community will fall into disrepair and property values destroyed.

The report says the dewatering situation would be “temporary.” This intake project is slated to take a minimum of 10 years to complete. I would call this temporary if it lasted for a few months, but not when it goes on for years. It would not be temporary if it caused permanent damage such as abandonment of homes. And who is to say that the well water won’t be negatively compromised by the disruption of the aquifers due to the years of constant construction?

This is another example where the burden of the WaterFix falls upon the residents of the Delta. I hope the project is not given permits. If the permits go forward, it must be stipulated that water supplies are to be maintained at existing levels *and* that we have *running water*, not bottled water. We should not have to do without adequate water so that water can be shipped to *other* communities in the south.

Regards,  
Peter and Kathy Hunn