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Dear SWRC Board Members,

I am writing to protest any policy changes that allow for additional water to be taken from the Sacramento River in the North Delta by use of tunnels and intakes or ***any other method.***

Far too much water is taken already. I boat and fish and generally enjoy the waterways for the Sacramento Delta area and have done so for years. This waterway was one of the reasons we located to Sacramento in the 90's and I hate to see the changes that have occurred to the waterways.

My family have observed many changes over the years:

1. Native fish species have decreased including salmon. That alone is simply terrible
2. I have seen the increase of non-native waterweeds that are a result of not enough fresh water flowing through the waterways to clear them out. Last year it was so bad we ended up hitting a log that was floating about two feet below the surface of the water. But we couldn't see it due to all the waterweeds floating on top. It was ridiculous.
3. I have seen the historic low tides that hinder navigation, which may be partly a function of the drought and partly a function of the *mismanagement* of river flows north of the Delta by DWR and USBR. Only "surplus" water from the Delta is supposed to be exported per the plan that was approved by VOTERS. Much more than "surplus" water is proposed to be diverted from the Sacramento River in the Delta.
4. Lastly, I really don't like seeing my significant taxpayer funds being used to pay for the building of intakes and tunnels, or barriers, using funds earmarked for "flood control" or ecosystem restoration, since the actual purpose is water diversion for sale to the highest bidder. Plus, no one has proven the new style of fish screens and water intakes actually work. The fact is that native fish have been declining even as new intakes have been installed! Prove they work before spending billions to build something that won't work as intended, to take "surplus" water that does not exist.

Thank you

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