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Water Resources Control Board

My name is Sherry Stanley and I have lived in the California Delta since 1980. I love it here and I don't think there is another place like it. I have to say we were fortunate enough to have had my late husband, Marty Stanley (3rd generation born and raised) and renowned Delta artist, capture the natural and wondrous beauty of our California Delta in his paintings.

My fear is the destruction of this unique and awe inspiring region by the so called "WaterFix". If the twin tunnels are permitted and approved, this Delta we know now will become history. Our children are 4th generation Delta born and raised and it would be a crime to have their children only know about their beloved Delta through history books and paintings.

California is a land of innovation. We have Apple, Google, HP, Intel and many more. These tunnels are the best we can do? Seriously, the Department of Water Resources needs to get on board with the 21st century and start leading on water issues. Why is the state so stuck on this dinosaur of a project? People don't want huge, expensive projects that degrade the environment. Younger people especially despise big projects that squander our natural and financial resources. Local resources are *more sustainable and more reliable* than long-distance resources. They are also *much less expensive*. In the energy sector, the combination of reducing demand and creating local and sustainable solutions has reduced the need to build expensive and polluting power plants. Ditto with water. Using less water doesn't mean going without, it just means being smarter about how you use it. New technologies for more efficient water use are coming online constantly, driven by demand.

We don't need the tunnels. They will only alter and ruin the Delta ecosystem, farmland and communities. We need to take the politics, greed and water grab out and let the water flow through the Delta the way nature intended. Deny these permits! Be smart and logical and start looking to the future of water in California instead of hanging on to the past.

Regards,



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