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Dear members of the State Water Resources Control Board,

Back in the day, the water exporters called it what it was – a peripheral canal. Then, the huge water transfer became the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan. In fact, there was no analysis of effects on the Bay: – but who could object to a "Conservation Plan"? After the EPA and other scientists assessed that it was not, in fact, a conservation plan, it was rebranded as WaterFix. By any name, it's a boondoggle.

This project has very slick marketing. The video explains how the State built humongous pumps in the south delta for the state water project. Come to find out, the pumps ruined the delta ecosystem. And now we need to “fix” past mistakes. How? Apparently we need yet another big water-sucking project in the north delta. They say they “get it” now. Trust us. We screwed up with the southern delta pumps, but we *promise* to get it right this time!

All this meddling and complicated engineering has been a well-documented disaster for this magnificent estuary. Please, Deny these permits. We must have scientists study the damaged delta apart from water needs of the south. Future generations of Californians will thank you for it.

Thank you for hearing my statement.

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