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My family has been raising cattle in the foothills and valley fed by the watershed of the Merced River since the late 1800s. We have helped pay for the dams which currently hold the water on Lake McClure. We have riparian rights for stock water on the Merced. There are only, I believe, three rivers in California where users have alone paid for dams. The Merced is one of those.

It is unconscionable that the WRB is trying to send water from the Delta to LA and replace that water with water from the Merced River. It will destroy ag as my family has known it for the past 140 years. If the resources are so restricted, that will necessitate continued raises in costs that will put water beyond the reach of the cattleman. The margins for cattle are already tight. Any huge increases would pit farmers and ranchers against each other. Only high profit margin crops will be grown. The rest of us will have change or fall by the wayside, forgetting our 140 year history in the cattle industry.

Please re-think this move and consider the long-term ramifications of your proposal.

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