Water Resources Board (CWRB)

The current plans that your agency is about to put into effect this year is wrong for a number of reasons and is following bad choices made by a few people that destroys people’s lives and the environment. About a hundred years ago Los Angeles stole the water from the Owen’s Valley that has left that area of California worthless. Now dust blows from the dried up lake bed and has to be abated by using sprinklers. What the CWRB is trying to do will be a repeat of Owen’s Valley with the same disdain for people living in the Central Valley and giving the water to the biggest voting base in LA and surrounding cities and some in the Bay Area/Silicon Valley. Also Stewart Resnick/Westland’s Water District and Metropolitan Water have contributed to Governor Brown so he and you can implement Resnick’s and LA’s wishes. If your plans go through the Central Valley will end up like Owen’s Valley, a wasteland. The net-worth of farmers in the Valley will be mostly gone. Have any of you on the board ever been to the Central Valley of California and seen all that is grown? Do you realize that this region and the Sacramento Valley produce the majority of the fresh produce, fruits and vegetables for this state and much of the US? Besides the effect on farmers it will impact thousands of jobs related to agriculture. The low income ag workers will also be hard hit financially! Your food does not come from the supermarket, food comes from farmers and the laborers who tend to and harvest it!

Your comments and statements on saving the Delta are also misguided. The smelt and salmon are being consumed by non-native bass and global warming probably does have an affect also. You are trying to take the water from the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers as an excuse to pull more water from the Sacramento River and use the San Joaquin tributaries to make up from diverting water from Sacramento River. By taking this water farmers will try to use well water which is also going to be regulated so much our wells will become useless.

I have looked at the CWRB and read your bios which are all in line with the environmentalists with none having anything of value on their resumes that relate to real jobs and real contribution to betterment of normal working people. Your Board is not elected by voters but appointed by the governor. The legislators and the voters have no real input on your direction and your decisions and do not have any oversight or way to make adjustments to your rules. This does not sound like a democracy.

If you actually read this I will be shocked and would like an acknowledgement of some sort just a simple “received”. Tim Vieira 209-648-3724