Moving forward in a global world, it is a well-known fact that the strongest societies need three crucial things: food, water, and energy. A healthy California agricultural industry places us in a position of power that goes beyond politics and entertainment. It is therefore in everyone’s best interest to promote and maintain the freshwater supply in our state’s heartland.

Additionally, the entire economy of Central and Northern California is dependent on our water supply. By siphoning off our water supply, we are creating a manmade disaster akin to the Dustbowl tragedy. That is not what California is all about. We are smarter than that and learn from history. Unfortunately, the proposed Bay-Delta Water Plan would prove otherwise. Please abandon this Plan.

Doubling the amount of water siphoned from our rivers will devastate our economy and our way of life for all Californians. I oppose the Bay-Delta Water Plan, and you should too.

California has the knowledge base, technology, and industry to find alternative solutions to our growing population’s domestic water needs without sacrificing our critical agricultural industry. Intelligent Californians call on you to pursue these avenues and abandon the ill-advised Bay-Delta Water Plan.

Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,
Valerie Mariano Swiderski

Sent from my iPhone