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Hello -

I read in the [RecordNet.com](http://RecordNet.com) news service today that we can comment about the Emergency Drought Change Order until March 3rd. It said to visit [www.swrcb.ca.gov](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov) and click on "Drought Year Info." but there was no contact/email information. I would appreciate it if you would forward my comments to the appropriate place.

I oppose the emergency drought order. It is trading off the needs of the Delta farmers and communities because nut growers have irresponsibly over-planted water-thirsty orchards in the Central Valley.

The real question is why was water transferred from the Delta and Northern lakes to top off L.A.'s reservoirs and the Kern Water Bank during a drought. The result is Folsom is dry and Sacramento needs to ration while L.A. has plenty of water through 2015 or 2016. Because of Kern Water Bank, Paramount Farms pomegranate orchards are wet and growing well while the rest of the Central Valley is dry and the Northern Delta farmers are getting salt intrusion.

This raises again the big question - why do we have a couple of big agribusiness billionaires with private ownership of the Kern Water Bank and little or no accountability or where that water goes or who gets it?? Water belongs equally to all Californians and not just Central Valley farmers.

Can the Kern Water Bank water be transferred to San Luis Reservoir? Can the pumps be reversed to suck the water from LA and Kern to the North? Can everyone conserve? What other options are there other than jeopardizing salmon extinction and allowing salt intrusion. This entire situation shows the horrible judgement that has occurred in the past and continues to cause harm to those already harmed.

We need the SWRCB to work in the future to control the outflow during dry years. That is the underlying problem with the BDCP and Delta Tunnels plan. The planned outflow in dry years is much higher than your 2010 Delta Flows report and there is no south-of-Delta storage for wet years. Please stop bowing to the Central Valley farmers. They need to balance their acreage and crops with water availability based on the real 2010 Delta Flow requirements.

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