



It seems water politics from two thirds of the state that live in Southern California trump the environment and economy up in the Sacramento and San Joaquin delta. There are still farmers up here, there are marina owners, retailers and people who moved here to live on the delta and enjoy its natural beauty. It may have been developed in the last century thru creating levees and pumping out land for farming. However it has its own fragile Eco system that is under attack through over pumping water from the delta. With the introduction of the twin canals and removing approximately 1/3rd of the flow of the Sacramento River bypassing the delta and assuring its demise as an Eco system and destroying an already fragile economy up here. Turning my backyard into a saltwater marsh taking away the quality of life up here for many people up here. Before the state plans to bury our state in even more debt maybe developing desalination plants powered by solar and hydrogen systems. As people move farther and farther into the desert the requirements for water are much higher than even the Sacramento valley. Quick fixes aren't the answer. Long term conservation and proper use of water through developing more efficient irrigation. The idea that it may be easier for a farmer to sell his water rights to private water brokers who make an enormous profit at the expense of the taxpayer and rate payer. After all the majority of the cost of developing the Central Valley water project has been born by the taxpayer through W.P.A projects during the great depression. Yes farmers did pay in and were rewarded with generous water rights. Now the system is broke it needs fixing, not by punishing one group to appease another with more power.