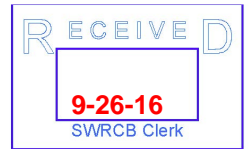


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I strongly oppose your proposal to take 40% of the unimpeded flow from our rivers which TID and MID have historical rights to for over 100 years. This action will not only devastate our region but the impact will be felt worldwide. I know you have a dislike for farmers but this will impact all the residents of the region as well as the San Francisco region forever. The drinking water for all will be depleted, the groundwater saltier and depleted as well as less electricity produced by Don Pedro resulting in more expensive power for all the residents. This is not to mention the economic disaster that will result from an almost complete dependence on agriculture economically in the region. There will be much less food production for the world from the most agriculturally productive region in the world.

This is a political and misguided decision that your staffers cannot adequately defend. It only considers the interests of a few special interest groups. And of course, the voters from Southern California. It is unwise and not based on scientific facts. Why can't you consider some other options to the problem you have created? I know this proposal is mainly to steal more of our water to give to Southern California.

I have a suggestion. Why don't you urge and even mandate that LA conserve their water like the rest of us in the state have done -- maybe they will have enough water so you do not need to steal ours to give to them?

I might just add that this is just another bad government decision of many lately that just makes our country rely on foreign products that we need making us more and more vulnerable to the whims of countries, many of which do not like us.

Please reconsider and do what is obviously right and not what is politically expedient!