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State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
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Re: Draft Science Report for Sacramento River and Delta Flow Requirements

Dear members of State Water Resources Control Board:

My name is Dan Hankemeier I serve on the Lake Don Pedro Community Service Water Board near the Community of Lake Don Pedro.

I am here to ask how it is that you expect to increase the flow of water out of the Exchequer Dam on Lake McClure by 40%. You tell us the reason you want to release more water out of our dam is for the Salmon. **You can tell us all, it's for the salmon but you are not going to convince anyone here in the Central Valley you are being upfront and honest. You and I know that as soon as you release (take/steal) 40% more water from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced Rivers you make that much more water available at the Delta to be sent to southern California.** I don't believe you came to these forums to listen to what the people of this community had to say. You came to tell them this is what you are going to do. The water releases are not for the Salmon at all, it's for Southern California. Once the water gets to the Delta it is going to take a 90 degree turn south. The governor also wants to increase the flow of water down the San Joaquin River. The citizens in and around Fresno will never allow their water to be taken so you figure that you can get the water from the Merced and Stanislaus Rivers with a little less difficulty. THIS IS NOT ABOUT FISH AT ALL.

Each of you were selected by the governor and so that is what you are going to do, develop his plan which evidently is to conserve. **You don't seem to be able to put together a plan that will produce more water.** You and the governor's plan is to conserve NOT produce additional water. I don't believe any of you are interested in our needs although that is what you are there for, the people of California. Look at your backgrounds, Felicia Marcus, has spent her entire life on environmental issues and never served in agriculture or private business. The same can pretty much be said of Frances Spivy-Weber of her background, no experience in agriculture or private industry. Tam Doduc, formerly Secretary at the California Environmental Protection Agency. Most of her entire life has been devoted to environmental protection, again no private business experience and no experience in agriculture. Steven Moore has worked on stream and wetland restoration projects, and environmental impact reporting and the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, again no private business experience and no experience in agriculture. Dorene D'Adamo served on the California Air Resources Board and California Department of Youth Authority, again no private business experience and no experience in agriculture. She at least is from this area. How can you understand the issues of this community if you have no business

experience and no agricultural experience here? Beyond that what have you done to improve our lives and make things better?

I should begin by saying the Exchequer Dam on Lake McClure was built by this community there were no federal funds and no state funds used to build that dam. I believe that is true with the Dam on Lake Don Pedro also, there were no funds from the state or federal government, I understand the City of San Francisco produced some funding for that dam. Non-the-less that should tell you, you have no place in managing our water that happens to be why we have the Merced Irrigation District Board and the Modesto Irrigation District Board. They know there are environmental issues that need to be enforced. We don't need an outside group of environmentalist to tell us something else.

Our farmers and this community need that water. I for one do not like paying higher prices for food that comes from China, Chili and Mexico. Take this back to the governor, stop wasting our money on a high speed rail system going nowhere and will need subsistence forever. Spend that 68 billion dollars on water for California. Donald Trump is right we would not have a drought if we had our priorities in the right place. A comprehensive program for building desalination plants, reservoirs and gray water retrieval systems would not only bring more needed water to the state but more jobs as well. According to Forbs Magazine Singapore's prescription to become water self-sufficient helped make it the key reason their per capita GDP exceeds ours. Israel is self-sufficient in desalting their water as well. By the way Israel decided to become self-sufficient about the time the people in Carlsbad decide to build their facility. It took 14 years to get that plant on line because of primarily the EPA and Coastal Commission. Organizations like the ones you have gotten your experience from, so of course you would not over rule them.

You cannot make more water available to California by constantly asking us to conserve. We must develop more reservoirs and add desalination facilities wherever possible. What happened to the Clavey River Project? Why is it not in production?

This nation built the Empire State Building in a little over a year. We built the Golden Gate Bridge in four years. We can't even build a desalination plant in fourteen years. You say desalination is too expensive. If Southern California was paying what I am for water you could build those facilities. Instead you would rather take (steal) our water, and when we are out of water we have no ocean to get it from.

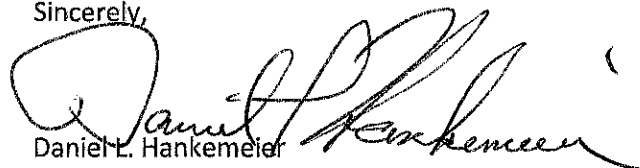
Your goal ought to be to fill each of those dams Don Pedro and McClure by the end of March each year, instead you want to see how fast you can send the water somewhere else without input from the Merced and Modesto irrigation Districts. It looks as if you can simply by pass any discussion with them after all since you were put in place by the governor why should you have to deal with those people? Lake McClure should never go below 700 feet above sea level again as it did last year.

I must say I am disappointed and concerned if this is the best you can do? I am not sure if any of you have heard of the State of Jefferson but I believe the people of Northern California would make a real effort to create the new State of Jefferson if you take this water from us. This community built that Dam. The water in the Merced River belongs to Northern California and this community and we should approve whatever goes south.

To quote Forbs Magazine, "It can now be said California is the land of the diminishing production of actual fruits and actual nuts – not to mention jobs. It is, however, increasingly becoming the land of poor priorities to the train whistle tunes of tens of billions of dollars."

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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