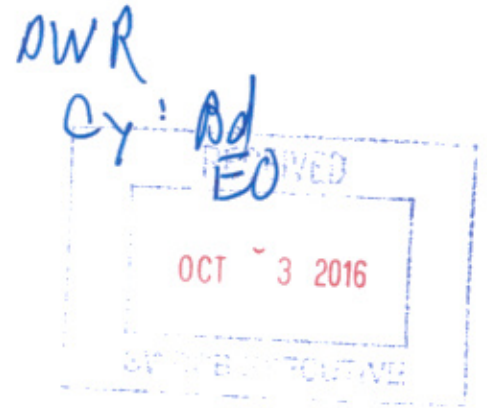


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Greetings:

To introduce myself to you, I am a 63 year old male who moved to Modesto at the age of six. We came to Modesto from Oakland California when my father's employer, Borden's opened their Modesto Plant. That same plant is still in use today and owned by Foster Farms. This shows me that there was extensive future planning by our agricultural community that went into this land use.

My wife and I have four children all raised in the Modesto/ Salida area. We now live in a two story, six bedroom home in Salida. We purchased the home so we could always live on the ground floor and have room for children and/or visitors on the second floor. This home and what we now have is our life time of planning and work.

During this time we have paid our own way. When our children needed higher education we found no aid for us. The first child entered the College system before the crash and made it through on time. The second child entered the system after the crash and we paid for a system that could not give a two year College degree in four years. He then stopped caring.

We have added solar to our home to help with the power shortage and hired a gardener to reduce our water use in the sprinkler system to help save water. We have done this without complaint because we are part of this community. However, now I am presented articles in the local paper which we cannot handle without complaint. In the Modesto Bee today 9/28/16 was an article that indicates that the Modesto area will be turned into a "dust bowl," by the diversion of water from the Sacramento River to Southern California. This water will be back filled by water taken from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced rivers to offset the salt water intrusion into the delta.

We are but one family who live in the area. We are but one family that cannot start over again. We also still work and live in the area and we support our neighbors in agriculture who also cannot just move on and give up their family's multiple generations of work.

To make this easy. Someone in Sacramento needs to listen to the concerns of the local people that are going to take the direct losses that the Governments actions will cause. Losses covered in the paper estimate \$1.6 billion in economic losses. Also noted in \$167 million in farm production losses with another 6,576 jobs corresponding to \$330 million in wage losses. What will happen to the overall area economy? What will happen to our home and it's market value if no one lives here. Or another way to look at it no one lives here that can afford to support a home valued at \$400,000.00. The only answer I can see is a crash of the local community. This is the same community that we live in.

Two of our children have already left this area saying there is nothing here for them. Nothing? I have a hard time arguing with them when I look at the current opportunities offered to young adults in this area. So now with all the hard work of our community leaders, Sacramento will take the water and in doing so destroy the local economy?

Please Mr. Brown, listen to the local government and try not to destroy something that to us is a life's work. Written by just one family however please hear our collective voice.



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