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To Whom it May Concern:

Reduced waterflow in the delta has had a very negative impact on the Delta. During the drought I saw a significant increase in water hyacinth, egeria densa, and toxic algae. The stench created by the water weeds was disgusting. Residents of Discovery Bay were warned not to allow their pets to drink water from the Delta, let alone swim in it. Flies, mosquitos and gnats swarmed around the stagnant water to the point we were unable to go outside on our back deck for fear of getting West Nile virus from mosquito bites. Wakeboarding and boating were near impossible due to the pollution and obstacles in the water created by the water weeds.

I've heard that 60% of flows on the San Joaquin are needed as opposed to the proposed 40%, and also the current level of water exports has exceeded previous limits that were set in the 1990's. We need to protect the environment by increasing, NOT decreasing water quality standards. Reduced water quality impacts fish, wildlife, businesses that rely on the delta for their livelihood, local residents, and farmers who rely on irrigation. Pumping more water to the south out will serve to decrease our water quality as the salty water from San Francisco Bay would increase, thereby resulting in more of the dreaded toxic algae which has a negative effect on human life (mosquitos and their bites) and negatively impacting the local economy.

The tunnels are a terrible idea. Outrageously expensive and destructive to the delta and it's residents/economy, and the environment. Other alternatives need to be considered such as de-salination of ocean water and increased storage of the water we receive from rain and snowmelt from the sierra's. Money would be better spent protecting current infrastructure to avoid catastrophe's such as the Oroville Dam and by better maintaining the levees on the delta. Let's focus on protecting what we already have.

Sincerely,
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