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Dear Water Resources Board:

Do you know this part of the Los Angeles River? We do not want this scene anywhere in CA, so go fix this, saving water and rebuilding this pitiful bird habitat before building any more big projects elsewhere!

We don't want to further degrade what's left of the SF Bay Estuary. My family has lived in California since the 1880's. My mother's grandparents lost a farm in the Owens Valley to LA Metro. My father's parents survived the 1906 SF earthquake. My grandmother used to bargain for bay shrimp and bay crab in China Basin not far from where AT&T park is today. We have witnessed in these generations massive degradation of the SF Bay Delta habitat, with the greatest damage done by large irrigation projects such as the system of export aqueducts leading into the desert of the Central Valley. It will be heartbreaking for Gov Brown to realize that his father's and his own greatest legacy will be the destruction of California's greatest fish and wildlife preserve, if these water transfers continue.

My Stockton Smith Canal waterfront property experienced annual turbulent swarms of feeder fish followed by flocks of cormorants as recently as 1999, but today the water is too low in oxygen, and too rich in algae blooms, as a product of farming and low water flow. Beaver, otter, birds, and fish cling to a

precarious existence due to lack of water habitat My property value has dropped, but you insult me, as a taxpayer, a fund a corporate farm scheme that will do little more than fill the pockets of billionaire farmers. If citizens in Los Angeles and San Diego understood the true cost and damage done by irrigation water exports, this Tunnels Project would be quickly voted down and forgotten.

The health of the SF Estuary habitat is worth far more than what low wage enterprise can grow in the desert. If these corporate farmers are willing to invest to cover their true business expense, they must retain, conserve, recycle and pump solar desalinated sea water, probably at Moro Bay. Meanwhile, citizens of Los Angeles and San Diego need to rebuild their relationship with nature by focusing on their own program of 100% water recycling and retention of existing water resources, before importing from another part of the state. Stable water delivery begins with supplies not subject to drought, so spending billions on yet another water export project from surface water supplies is a huge mistake.

Please upgrade the SED to current standards of the scientific community, making a sincere effort to improve, not degrade, the habitat of the San Francisco Bay Estuary. Business farming enterprises south of Tracy must be served notice that water deliveries from Northern California watersheds simply cannot be ensured.

Sincerely yours,

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