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Water Board,

California is the nation's supreme agricultural provider. Our nation is in dire need to be able to provide safe, healthy, wholesome food for its ever expanding population. Taking water from California's Central Valley will carry a devastating impact. Not only will jobs be lost, family farms devastated, but the people who live in the Central Valley will experience a myriad of hardships. Other states are blessed with much more rainfall each year and could provide relief for Southern California. Eventually cities will be so large, farmers will be their main source for survival-unless we as a nation fail ourselves and are forced to rely on outside sources-for example, China?! Farmers, producers and the Central Valley citizens are not willing to allow BIG GOVERNMENT and MONEY to steal our livelihood and lifestyle.

Hard working multi-generational family farmer,  
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