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State Water Resources Control Board  
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**RE: Comment Letter-2016 Bay Delta Plan Amendment & SED**

The State Water Resources Control Board now has the opportunity to update water quality standards that reflect support of the environment and the people rather than continuing to manage our resources in the service of predatory corporate interests.

I watch in horror the disregard for our precious natural resources here in California, North Dakota, Flint, Michigan and around the globe.

The new Water Quality Control Plan must raise water quality standards for the delta. Delta water must not become contaminated with high salinity, harmful algae blooms, pesticides, methyl mercury, and selenium.

I urge the board to undo past practices of allowing deteriorating water quality and environmental destruction in the delta. You can no longer continue to manage these resources in the interest of large agricultural corporate interests in the south state whose products are mostly exported overseas. We must take care of this beautiful state and manage our delta water in the interests of our wildlife, endangered species and the entire delta ecosystem, legitimate small farmers, fisheries and community water needs.

Reduce Delta exports and quit honoring special interests. It is imperative to require new and better water quality standards in the Water Quality Plan amendment and SED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martha Paterson-Cohen".

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