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To the state assigned water board,

My name is Sam Pickles, and have lived as a farmer in Ceres, California most of my life. I am apposed to your proposal of diverting local surface water for non- existing fantasy salmon for 300k to over 1 million dollars a fish! This is a blatant miss-use of this precious & valuable resource -water. Plus, the added feature of ' what happens to the water after you guys bleed out the reservoirs. My guess is the bleeder water gets sucked up by the two non-irrigating canals by I -5 (peripheral canals). The water board should know about the SMWD agreements with 4 other states to lose almost 50 percent of the Colorado River water rights. From close to 70 percent down to less than 30 percent. The picture is clear to me, 40 percent less of the Colorado River, means SMWD and your water board are partners in stealing the water from this area. A good example is Owens Valley water project, where 100 percent of that water ,goes to the LA basin. Another older water grab/stealing. Absolutely Absurd ! I was a veteran of the USAF, which I observed alot of waste & some heavy handedness. But, I have never witnessed a more severely mess up situation as you propose now. I encourage you to live personally 30-50 percent less water, showering once every few weeks for a start, no more having babies, for two, one meal every third day, for three. Do I need to go on?

Anyone that would want this proposal would have to be unbalanced or not able to conceive any type of reality. You , need to look not at your personal gains, but look for what's reasonable. Unless this board recognizes that , for every action, there is a equal ,opposite reaction. I assume that you don't care about my area because you guys want to bleed my water for someone in San Diego area to take shower.

And, that bathwater gets 'flushed ' out to the sea. The people in San Diego should build desalination plants. They would rather transport my water (check assessment taxes for 60 years to build Don Pedro reservoir). Or maybe build more reservoirs or raising the reservoirs? No,no, you say, it's cheaper to steal the water than to pay for it.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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P.S. If you have any questions please contact me, because this involves my life and this proposal will severely affect me and several other families.