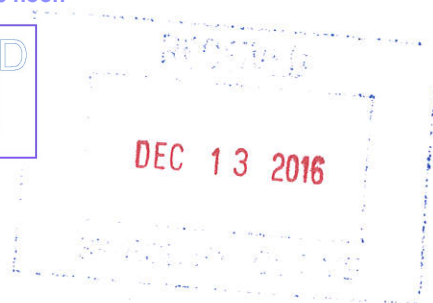


Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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10 December 2016

Dear Felicia,

I am concerned about the plan to divert water from Merced County Rivers to flush out the Delta. I am not against salmon. I am concerned about the environment, clean water, endangered species, and the Delta ecosystem.

However, I feel that it is wrong to take the water from our county, depriving our farmers and populace of water that we need also. During the drought farmers, deprived of their usual water supplies, have been drilling wells and depleting the groundwater. In some areas of our county land has settled as aquifers have been depleted. I fear that this will continue and increase as the drought continues and more drilling ensues. Our roads and our housing will be affected as the ground sinks. Furthermore, our source of drinking water will dry up as well. Many rural homeowners have already been forced to dig new and deeper wells as the water table drops.

The salmon in Merced County are not the wild salmon of old. They are hatched and managed. They need the colder water that our county, due to a warming climate, can no longer provide. They, like many other species, will migrate north as it gets warmer. This summer my backyard finches disappeared during the summer. They are back now that the weather has cooled. We are not helping the salmon – they need to move north also.

Lastly, I feel that this is a water grab by the Westlands Water District and other southern California water districts. By sending our water to the Delta, water from north of the Delta will then be sent south. The west side of the Valley is a dry area. We should not be growing anything at all there. A great spot for wind farms. I know that Westlands has lots of money, lobbyists and clout and that bothers me. I am against the twin tunnels and against sending money to another farming area when our own farmers and cities need that water ourselves. We need for our water table to be replenished here in Merced County. I don't mind sending excess water to somewhere else in the state, but I resent sending water that is needed here. Why not send water from the Sacramento and American Rivers to the Delta instead.

No to the twin tunnels and No to the excessive amount of our water being sent to flush out the Delta. And forget the salmon – the warming climate here is not favorable to their future.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Field".

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