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To: [commentletters](#)
Subject: Comment Letter – 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment
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Jeanne Townsend
Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
Dear Ms. Townsend:

Nobody disagrees that the demand for water for Ag and urban use has grown, and that drought conditions exacerbate this demand.

However, lowering water quality standards in order to increase exports and support a project which will NOT produce more water, only move it differently, seems like an extremely poorly designed solution and one that will not provide a long term answer.

Water storage at times of high flow is the only way to get MORE water from mother nature who ultimately decides what comes from the sky. Taking more water from existing system won't solve the long term demands for more water.

Lower water quality standards that allowed increased salinity harm the Delta ecosystem and the bay. Fish, plants, water fowl and water for farming and residential use cannot withstand increased salinity.

Lower water quality standards that allow decreased flow of Delta water can lead to toxic algae blooms like we saw last year--harmful to humans and wildlife.

More sustainable agricultural practices and human water use are a better focus of long term water plans. Just like reducing our oil dependence helps eliminate pollution and manages depleting supplies, water must be treated in the same manner.

The Delta is not just a place, it is an essential natural resource that must be properly, sustainably managed for the health of the whole state.

Sincerely,

Augustina Duncan
30 year Delta user/resident, Northern California native

"Do everything in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14