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**RE: 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED**

Dear Chairwoman Marcus,

I strongly oppose the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) proposed Bay-Delta Plan, Phase 1 Substitute Environmental Document (SED).

Growing up on a farm and around my family who were farm workers, I saw firsthand that a reliable surface water supply is the backbone of our region and undeniably brings value to the community – including community sustainability, ag production, ag processing, ag-related business, an economic base, groundwater recharge and affordable water.

It's unfortunate that the Board has failed to consider the affects that an increased unimpaired flow will have on our region. Specifically, the Board has overlooked the impact that this proposal will have on farm workers who depend on our agricultural roots to provide for their families and for the community. As Mr. Denoso stated in the Modesto hearing on December 20, 2016, "No water, no vegetable or fruit, no farmworkers, no harvest, no food...without farmworkers, no food."

On top of the impacts that this proposal will have on the agricultural job market (and other areas that several members of the community have mentioned), I won't support a proposal that ultimately puts our region's water sustainability in jeopardy for my kids and future grandkids.

Thank you for the opportunity to state my concerns on the SED.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara Solarez". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Barbara Solarez