

## Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan SED

Comments

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My name is Fernando Aguilera and I am the President of the Merced Youth Soccer Academy. I have been a resident of Merced for over 35 years and a volunteer coach for 22 years. I am also a local downtown business owner.

During this time as a volunteer coach we have had a dream of building a soccer complex like in other cities. Until now we have not been able to do and with what you are proposing, it will be harder.

I want to make sure that you understand that those over 800 signatures I delivered to you in Sacramento are an example of some of the hard-working people of Merced County. I am here today to again let you know that the over 4,500 parents, soccer players, and families in the soccer academy are against your proposed plan. Most of these families have 6-5 jobs and are not able to be here today.

You make decisions without taking us into account.....we are here today because we *do count* and it's going to impact us a lot!

Our trees are dying and many other living things are being affected by the lack of water; thousands of trees have died and continue to die because there is not enough water, so you are directly affecting the standard of living of our communities with this proposal. In essence, what you are doing is taking from Peter to pay Paul—taking water from our community to pay to other communities. In the long run you are adding to the problem.

Therefore, I am asking you to reconsider your proposal and find another way that will not damage the future of our youth. You might even consider the MID S.A.F.E. plan. Thank you for allowing me to speak.