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Sent: Saturday, November 19, 2016 9:28 AM
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Subject: Fwd: Re: State Water Grab - Update

I do NOT agree with this water grab. Our water is much too precious and necessary to our FARMERS and our livelihood. Our farmers need water to produce FOOD! They are already struggling and now you want to provide them even less water, all to save SALMON??!! How about fish hatcheries and produce salmon and release them. \$260,000 per salmon, DOES NOT MAKE SENSE.

Not to mention the effect on our energy produced.

NO ON THE WATER GRAB
SAVE THE WATER FOR THE FARMERS FOR OUR FOOD AND ENERGY.

Thank you,

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1730 Longworth HOB
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Family Members:

The message is something every person living in the 209 area code needs to pay attention to. This water grab will have a deep negative effect our future electrical power, farming, economy, property taxes, etc. Please read it carefully and I encourage you to write (email) our State and Federal

Representatives to tell them "NO!" on the water grab. There are other ways to save the salmon at a lot less than estimated than the 3 billion dollars for 1,000 salmon (that's \$260,000 for a piece).

It's "Worth the Fight!"

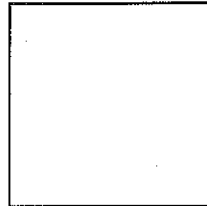
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The election is over, but life and politics go on. The biggest threat we in the San Joaquin Valley are facing now is the loss of water in our rivers. This is an immediate danger and could kill agriculture, our jobs, and our way of life.

This is still California and the fight to control every aspect of our lives continues. Unfortunately for us, the citizens, we pay the bureaucrats and politicians to harm some for the benefit of others. So that Antioch doesn't have to pay for salt water incursion, the people of "The Valley" will lose another million acre feet (325,851,000,000 gal) of Don Pedro water every year. How will Antioch and others eat without San Joaquin fruits, nuts and veggies grown under FDA requirements?

If you care about food quality and stable electricity costs, show up at one of these meetings. Merced will try to arrange for someone from MID to speak to this at Thursday's meeting in Atwater.

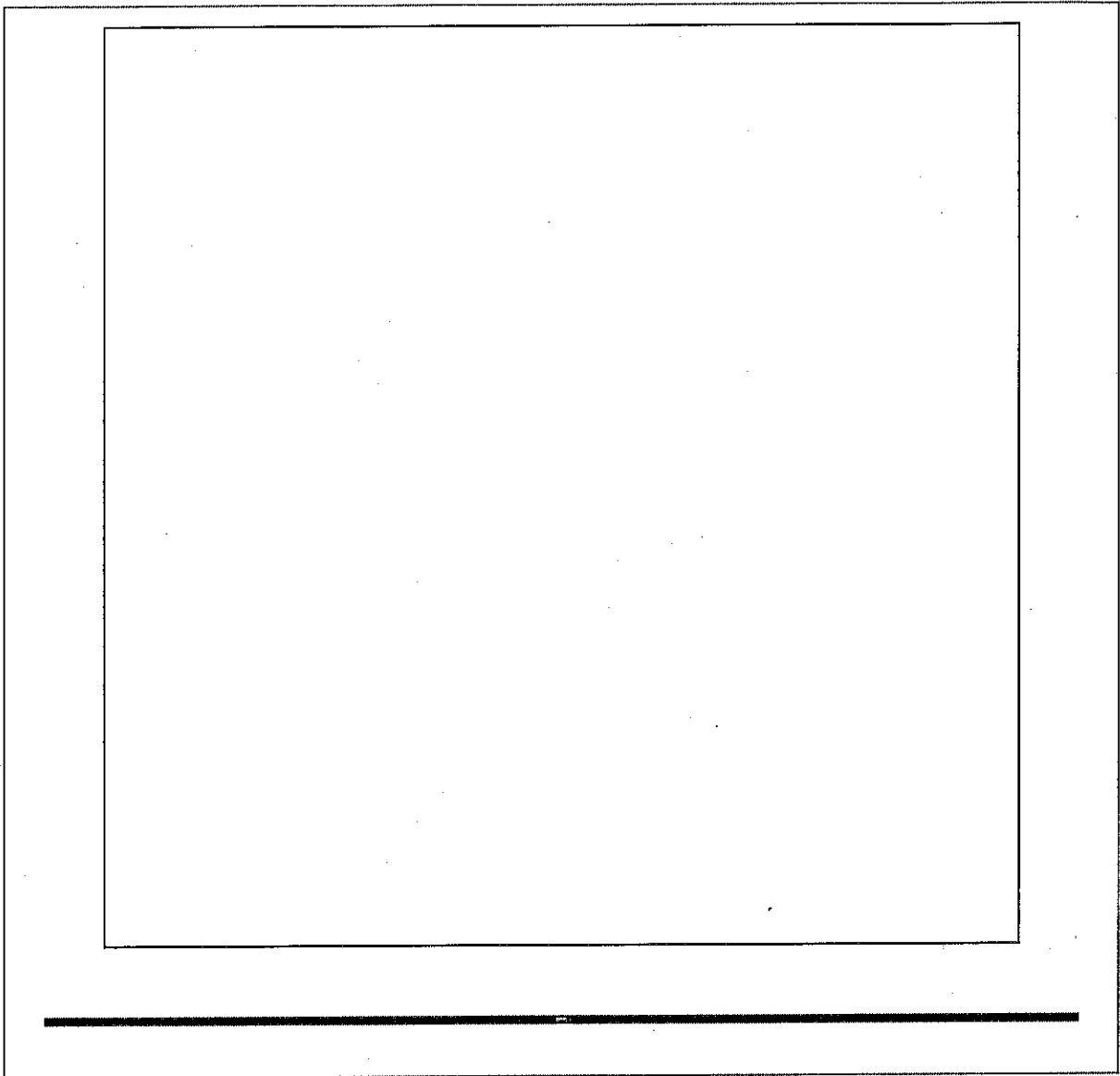
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WATER IS POWER: STATE WATER GRAB COULD HARM ELECTRIC CUSTOMERS

Water can be a powerful resource; literally. MID and TID have successfully proven that point since 1923, providing affordable and reliable hydroelectric power by using Tuolumne River water to generate electricity at Don Pedro.

Today, MID and TID provide public power to hundreds of thousands of people in the Central Valley. A 2014 socioeconomic study concluded that the value of hydropower generation at Don Pedro averaged about \$25 million per year from 2008-2012. The timing of water and power needs have been the largest contributor to this value to MID and TID customers. This is because water being released from Don Pedro for the eight months of the irrigation season coincides with the months when electricity use is highest. Enter the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to try and undo a century's



worth of water-energy nexus with Phase 1 of its Bay-Delta Plan. Through its Substitute Environmental Document (SED) that supports the Plan, the SWRCB is proposing that significantly *more* water (about 300,000 acre-feet, or 100 *billion* gallons, on average according to the SED) from the Tuolumne, Merced and Stanislaus rivers be sent into the San Joaquin River each year to possibly benefit salmon and hopefully push back seawater from the Bay-Delta.

What's worse, the SWRCB won't allow MID and TID to determine when these new required flows are to be released from Don Pedro; **they want all this water from February through June each year.** You can imagine that any dent in hydropower's \$25 million value would have negative impacts to MID and TID's bottom line, which could affect electric customers. And this is on top of negative and alarming impacts to ag production, ag processing, local businesses, cities, counties, public safety, schools, groundwater, drinking water and disadvantaged communities.

The SWRCB wants to grab your affordable power to be able to wield a little more of its own. And our region isn't going to stand for it. Please help us keep spreading the word about Worth Your Fight whether it's in your conversations with friends, family and co-workers or sharing info on social media. And please join us at the SWRCB public hearing in Modesto on Dec. 20, 2016 (more details below) to share your thoughts on why this proposal is bad news for our region and a waste of valuable water (and power) that may not even benefit salmon.

Hearing Dates

November 29, 2016 – 9 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Byron Sher Auditorium
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

December 19, 2016 – 9 a.m.

Multicultural Arts Center
645 W. Main Street
Merced, CA 95340

January 3, 2017 – 9 a.m.

Joe Serna Jr. – CalEPA Headquarters Building
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

December 16, 2016 – 9 a.m.

Stockton Memorial Civic Auditorium
Main Hall
525 N Center Street
Stockton, CA 95202

December 20, 2016 – 9 a.m.

Modesto Centre Plaza
Tuolumne River Room.
1000 K Street
Modesto, CA 95354

Help us spread the message; refer a friend, family member or colleague to the Worth Your Fight website.

- If you'd like a Worth Your Fight sign for your property, [click here](#) and we'll arrange for you to get one.
- Decals available for your window or vehicle. [Click here](#) to get yours.

Want To Do More?

- Submit a letter to [The Modesto Bee](#), [The Sacramento Bee](#) or another local newspaper
- Contact your elected officials in [Sacramento](#) and/or [Washington DC](#).
- [Contact Governor Brown](#) and share your thoughts with him
- Tell State Water Resources Control Board members your thoughts on this proposal by e-mailing them directly at:
 - Felicia.Marcus@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Dorene.DAdamo@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Tam.Doduc@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Steven.Moore@waterboards.ca.gov
 - Frances.Spivy-Weber@waterboards.ca.gov

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