

This is not a Central Calif issue

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The Central Valley benefits the entire state of Calif

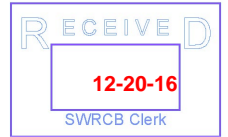
We just need our water

133 year history of using our water to benefit all of Calif

Taking more of our water will hurt the entire state

This community has used our water to benefit the entire state of 40 million Californians

Public Comment
2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED
Deadline: 3/17/17 12:00 noon



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 133 year history of using our water well as a community 1223
 Old Don Pedro Dam built 93 years ago
 New Don Pedro Dam built 46 years ago
 La Grange Dam 1883 - Training of Paradise Valley
 Modesto + Turlock Reservoirs
 Modesto Regional Water Plant 1994 - reduces water aquifer pumping provides healthy drinking water

uses of water

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- ① drinking water - healthy - saves medical costs + illnesses
- ② urban water
- ③ irrigation water
- ④ recreation

reservoirs
 boating, fishing, camping etc
 rivers
 regulated flow for fish + river boaters

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- ⑤ groundwater recharge
 through flood irrigation
 - benefits of groundwater recharge
 keeps our " aquifers from collapsing
 flushes the water aquifer so contaminants
 in our underground water are
 diluted - healthier drinking water
 - reduces possibility of earthquakes by preventing
 additional earthquake activity that
 can be caused by groundwater aquifer
 collapse

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- ⑥ water for farming
- ⑦ flood control during wet winters
- ⑧ provide water to flesh the delta during drought years
- ⑨ provide water for Southern Calif etc
- ⑩ we had a salmon hatchery in the abandoned M.D. canal below La Grange
- ⑪ provides water for surface irrigation so we don't have to pump underground water which will deplete our aquifer + reduce our water quality

133 years we have faithfully done the above items

We proposed the
Clavey River Ward Ferry Reservoir (2)
would have helped with the drought
produced a lot of cheap clean electricity
provided water for Tuolumne
provided water to help fight the Rim fire
provided a place of safety for wildlife
during the RIM fire

Our irrigation systems run millions of gallons of
water into the river & delta all winter long
from rain run off

Benefits of our ^{local} farming

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- ① grow lots of trees
trees produce oxygen & take in carbon dioxide
- ② keep food prices down
Americans in 2013 spent 10% of their income
- ③ healthy local ^{on food} economy
- ④ " " food &
- ⑤ more jobs
- ⑥ more local & state taxes to build schools, roads
bridges: -, fish hatcheries: projects like
Sikes A. f. Temperance Flat Reservoir
Reservoir
- ⑦ provides 40 million Californians with cheap
healthy food
- ⑧ when other parts of country experience droughts, floods
etc. we offset the loss of their farm products
- ⑨ our healthy food reduces medical costs & longevity
& productivity of life & quality of life ^{increases}
- ⑩ reduces our trade deficit w/ other countries
- ⑪ produces subsidiary businesses related to agriculture
- ⑫ every ag dollar equals 7 dollars spent in our
local economy
- ⑬ our irrigation provides more vegetation &
water for an increased wildlife population
squirrels, birds, foxes, raccoons, coyotes

The proposed ^{water} restrictions ~~would~~ ^{could} have cost our local economy 1.5 billion \$ in 2015 - That is 15 billion dollars in 10 years

If that income is taken away from us, it will result in local poverty & the rest of the state will have to subsidize us

We want to stand on our own feet & contribute to the 40 million Californians, not be subsidized. We just need water

We are mandated by the state to
to keep our water aquifer up
to keep our water quality good
~ for healthy drinking water
We have had water rights for decades

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In conclusion:

For 133 years we have had a certain element
of local control of our water.

We have been good stewards of our water.
We have a 93 year history of maximizing
our water & sharing it w/ Southern
Calif & using it to flush out the Delta

PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE take into
consideration our 133 year history & record
of using our water well & sharing it w/ others
& using it to benefit all of Calif