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I attended the hearing in Merced and I still share all the concerns that were voiced by all those who are in favor of finding a better solution that this water-take-way that the state water board is purposing. I believe that MID tendered a resolution that will accomplish what the state is asking for and at the same maintaining a balance to the water shortage that will harm farmers in the San Joaquin Valley. I find it odd that in the Merced Basin we have been given charge of developing a sustainability groundwater plan which is meant to manage surface and groundwater for the future, but yet the state is willing to take away 40% more of surface water from river ways. This take-a-way will develop the need for farmers to go to more pumping which is counter to groundwater management. This will also have adverse effect on small water district which depends on groundwater pumping to supply the community with clean drinking water. During the drought we witness the effect of farmers pumping which lowered groundwater levels.

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