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The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) is not regulated by anything or anyone. They have the power to write laws, enforce them, and decide if someone breaks the law. Then they have a trial where they are judge, jury, and sentencing the accused. They must be limited in their power to rule regardless of opinions of anyone else. The hearings with the SWRCB had no influence on their decisions

and were pacifiers for those that opposed that. The dams on the Merced, Tuolumne, and the Stanislaus Rivers do not have enough water to raise the San Joaquin River enough for fish and to flush the delta. That will not replace water taken from the Sacramento River before the delta.

-- Felicia Marcus said that water users should adapt adapt, switch to crops that require less water and store more water in wet times. She seems to think we would be able to make more storage. The billions of dollars we lose are continually ignored by those who have nothing to do with it. Hopefully we will receive more representation.

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