



Good morning:

I have grave concerns about the proposed Bay-Delta Plan SED. I have lived my entire life in the San Joaquin Valley and over the nearly 80 years have watched this area grow and thrive with irrigation, improved agricultural techniques and modern technology into the largest “food” growing area in United States. It appears now that the water from the rivers that support this amazing agriculture endeavor is being considered to be diverted to support the fish. It is totally amazing to me that this proposal would even get this far – what are people thinking? Fish can be farmed – they do not need the rivers to multiply. The water from the rivers is needed to support our agricultural endeavors, provide water for the folks living in the valley and is our main stay. As I am sure the members of your Board are aware, we are the most impoverished area in California. Our life line is water – and now those who do not face daily unemployment, substandard housing and many of the critical issues facing us daily are proposing to take away the one thing we need to survive. The economic hit is beyond disaster, it will totally bring to an end much of what we do daily. We will not survive. It would seem to me that people, their lives, futures and the area’s ability to provide food for everyone are far more important to consider than fish – that can be raised in another way.

Please think about us – we need your support more than ever. I might add, that I do not farm, I do not irrigate but I do see the folks everyday that rely on the water – I do worry about them, our livelihood and what it would do to an area that already is below the State’s average in every aspect of living.

Thank you for “hearing” my concern and I am hopeful that you will do the right thing and not pass this proposal.

Sincerely,

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