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

Honorable Chairwoman Marcus and members of the Board,



We serve as Directors on the Winton Water and Sanitary District Board.

We keenly appreciate your presence to listen to our concerns and hopefully you will respond favorably when the time comes reflecting on the good will of the impacted people in our community and Merced County at large.

Regrettably, WWSD opposes the State Boards proposed environmental document, due to its overburdening requirements, unjustifiable reasoning and lack of any mitigation or compensation measures.

First, WWSD has been a key member of the Merced Area Groundwater Pool interests (MAGPI) and our staff and Board are decently informed on SGMA. The WWSD has been following MID's public actions related to MID's FERC relicensing, the 2012 SED, and the current draft. We are appalled by the significant water releases required by the SED. It reminds one of the drying up of the Owens Valley.

Our District was pleased to see that MID constructed a recharge basin north of our district which meant added security for our groundwater, our only supply. However, since that basin was bone dry for the duration of the drought and with the SED it may be totally abandoned.

We appeal to the Board members to reconsider and temper the water it intends to take from this region. Water is too precious to be sacrificed as proposed by the SED. Our community is too precious to be sacrificed in this fashion.

Again, we appreciate your attentive listening to our appeal.

Board of Directors
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