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7 **BEFORE THE CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**

9 **IN RE CALIFORNIA WATERFIX**
10 **CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF**
11 **WATER RESOURCES AND U.S.**
12 **BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**
13 **PETITION FOR CHANGES IN**
14 **WATER RIGHTS, POINTS OF**
15 **DIVERSION/RE-DIVERSION**

PROTESTANT SAVE THE CALIFORNIA
DELTA ALLIANCE, ET AL.'s STATEMENT
OF QUALIFICATION FOR BILL WELLS

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1 Bill Wells Statement of Qualifications

2 A native of Louisiana, I moved to California with my parents in 1947 and, except for four
3 years serving in the U.S. Navy and seven years living in Hawaii, I have lived in the Sacramento
4 area. My father was a civil engineer and water consultant, and also managed a Sacramento area
5 residential water district. I grew up with water issues being discussed at the breakfast and dinner
6 table. I would spend summers working for my father servicing pumps, flushing sand from water
7 lines, and other maintenance work for the water district.

8 After a 25 year career with IBM, I became a yacht broker in the Delta for several years and
9 have since retired from that. I am currently the Executive Director of the California Delta
10 Chambers & Visitor's Bureau. The organization promotes the assets of the California Delta through
11 the combined efforts of local chambers of commerce, visitors' bureaus, development associations,
12 businesses and individuals.

13 I am a past commodore and current Delta Port Captain of the Northern California Fleet of
14 the Classic Yacht Association as well as an honorary member of the Marina West and Sacramento
15 Yacht Clubs. My beloved wife Sue and I cruise our 1937 Stephens classic yacht Ranger to boating
16 events throughout the Delta. I chronicle my adventures in the monthly Delta Rat Scrapbook column
17 for Bay & Delta Yachtsman magazine.

18 I have been active in the fight to preserve and protect the California Delta. I served for two
19 plus years on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan public meeting panel and served for two years on the
20 Delta Protection Commission Advisory Committee. I am a frequent contributor to area publications
21 and a guest speaker at events regarding Delta recreation and water issues.

22 In 2012 I received the Hal Schell Award from Bay & Delta Yachtsman Magazine for my
23 "Dedication and Promotion for the Betterment of the Delta".

24 In 2017 I received the "Lloyd Ryland Award" from the Pacific Interclub Yacht Association
25 for "research and / or documenting historically significant yachting events and / or activities related
26 to his or her club."

27 I am very familiar with the Delta, its waterways, and the Delta's recreation industry. I know
28 many of the owners of our Marinas and other Delta recreation business and speak out with them

1 frequently about the recreation business in the Delta.

2 I have observed the response of the recreational users of the Delta to a number of intrusions.

3 These include the emergence of invasive weeds, eruption of toxic Algae blooms, and the drought.

4 I understand how boaters react to difficult situations and how events in the Delta affect Delta
5 businesses.

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