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**I would appreciate if my comments could be distributed to the Members of the Board. Thank you, Lorie Cress**

I have heard so much about the positive effects of the proposed California Water Fix however being a resident of El Dorado Hills and I have a small farm in Sutter County, I take umbridge of the basic tenant of the proposal. Basically the governor is moving our water to S. Cal. The water that goes to fill the pools and irrigate the golf courses of S. Cal should be going to our farms in N. Cal to feed the world.

It appears that the governor and the State Water Recourse Control Board are aggressively trying to "take" our water through illegal means, by passing legislation that takes our water rights away permanently. The flawed reasoning suggests the tunnels are needed to protect the fish. The fish are losing ground because of the predatory, invasive, non-native species that eat the salmon and other native fish. Clean the rivers of non-native plants and fish if you want to protect our native fish. Not tunnels for S. Cal water wasters.

As a citizen of California, I demand that the Governor and the state elected officials look for another solution. The cost of the tunnels is prohibitive. What California needs is storage and proper management of our rivers. Clean up the rivers and remove the predatory fish. Build dams which will not cost 17.1 billion as the tunnels will cost (as of today). We already have citizens/companies fleeing the state because of unfriendly business taxes. Will the farmers be forced to flee too?