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To whom it may concern,

I Vonne Matney represent Hood Supply Company & the Matney Family. I was born and raised in Sacramento 56 years ago. I have been boating with my parents and grandparents on Folsom Lake & the Sacramento River ever since I can remember. I remember fishing and climbing on rocks with my Father when I was very young. I learned to swim at our neighborhood pool and was later swimming across the Sacramento & American Rivers as a teen. I have also water skied at Folsom Lake, Oroville Lake & Almanor Lake since I was 12 years old. In grammar school I learned about ecology and the life cycle of the Salmon. I have visited Nimbus Fish Hatchery as a child and again with my own children. I canoed down the Eel River for a week the summer before starting High School.

a fond memory of emotional growth, survival skills & exploration. My parents acquired a river resort trailer in my late teens situated on the Sacramento River between Walnut Grove and Colusa. It was called Kokeet Resort. It was there where I spent my summers as a teen and young adult. It was there that I discovered the "smoothest" water ski water in all of Northern California. It was there where we traveled by boat on the river to sloughs and parked and got out to have lunch, where we enjoyed the quiet life of waking up to hungry ducks at our dock in the morning, and the beautiful sunsets at evening. Where we explored old town Locke and went to the Big Store to buy our groceries. Where we jet skied into the meadows to meet up with our boating buddies. Where we slept out on the boat because it was fun. I remember skiing before breakfast as often as possible and sharing meals with neighbors like one big happy family. Yes, these were some of the best days of my life on the Sacramento River in the heart of the Delta. Lucky me! Many years have past since that time but the Delta is still the same. Lucky a

I currently live right next to the Sacramento River at T-5 and Pocket Road. I can still enjoy the beautiful view of the river from my balcony. I still enjoy the calling of ducks and geese as they fly overhead in V-shaped formations following the path of the Sacramento River. I am thankful for the preservation of the nearby wetlands and wildlife sanctuaries in the area. I have recently enjoyed viewing photos that friends have taken of waterfowl and an eagle's nest near my home. My husband once caught a salmon with our neighbor on the Sacramento River near Freeport. My family has enjoyed our boat and jet skis on the Sacramento River just as I did with my family. My husband and I have enjoyed the safe leisurely motorcycle ride down State Highway 160 also known as River Road with our friends for many years. 15 years ago we bought a restaurant property that had been closed down. We restored and remodeled extensively, spending a large amount of time and money. Hood Supply Company American Bar and Grill reopened in December of 2015, this historic landmark which was originally part of the little town of Richland (now Hood) dates back to 1860. It is now considered one

of the finest eating establishments in the Delta. We are smack dab in the middle of the construction Zone of the Tunnels, not to mention, we are on the corner of the major thoroughfares I-5 and Hood-Franklin Road and State Highway 160. The impact of this construction (noise, detours, trucking traffic, dust, dirt, etc.) will certainly have an impact on our new businesses continued success. It will probably kill it. No one knows for sure. I can't imagine anyone choosing to dine in the middle of a construction site or even near one. If Hood Supply Company does not continue to gain popularity as a sought after eating establishment due to the interruption of this construction project, my family and this New Business will be doomed financially and emotionally for those of us who have many fond memories on the Sacramento Delta and for those of us who have memories to be made, I strongly urge you to look at what you would be taking away and not so much at what you would be gaining. This project could negatively affect so many lives in so many ways, not to mention, the landscape, the history, the farming, the wells, the fish, the birds, the wildlife, the recreation. The love of the "Delta" also known as the "Little Netherlands" should be preserved.

Thank you for the opportunity  
to speak and share my letter  
of Comment/Policy Statement:  
Impacts from California Waterfix

Sincerely,  
Vance Matney