

HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE CA WATER BOARD
Letter with attached copy of Delta painting

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Good Morning. I would like to thank the members of the Water Board for allowing me to participate in this hearing.

My name is Marian Flanders, I live on the West side of the Sacramento Valley where we have a small farm.

I speak for myself and the following opinions are my own:

One need only note the devastation of Mono Lake and the destruction and desiccation of the once lush Owens Valley to conclude that the Metropolitan Water District of Los Angeles is the ultimate environmental predator. To allow this entity access to the fragile Sacramento Delta is to invite ruthless destruction to this vital economic and environmental area. I believe we have the technology to resolve water shortages by other means, The past is prologue. This body is charged at the very least to do no harm. and to proceed with this enterprise is folly,

Sources for this opinion:

The Sacramento Delta and the adjacent agricultural producing lands is "one of the most important watersheds in America." The Sutter Basin and Its People, by Wm. J. Duffy, The Printer, 1972.

"Taken as a whole, the Delta constitutes an irreplaceable natural and national treasure, comparable in ecological significance and beauty to the magnificent Florida Everglades." Water for Tomorrow, Vol. 1, No 2, Association of California Water Agencies & National Geographic, 2009

"Significant alterations in the natural state of water may disturb other elements in the ecological communities, thus depriving society of important, if not crucial, organic structures of the biosphere."

Competition for California Water, Ed. E.A, Engelbert with Ann Foley Scheuring, Univ. of California Press, p. 140, 1982



Marian Flanders, "Reflections," acrylic