

**Water Board, July 27, 2016**  
Statement of Henry Go

My name is Henry Go and I have a small holding of land, 17 acres near one of the intakes. On it is a home and fifty years of memories. It is holy ground: My wife died there and nearby, a daughter in an accident.

In the fabric of the American Experience, land holding is like a silver thread. Once we were subjects under the Brits, later, as citizens and under the rubric of the Munroe Doctrine, we had Western Expansion by way of the Homestead Act, then the Kincaide Act. This did not end out on the Oregon Trail. A generation back, I could not hold land because of ethnic background. This history resides here in this Valley, and its people who tilled the soil, as many as five generations: It is stained with the sweat of their work. The bounty and fruit of the earth did not come easily.

I won't repeat the litany of testimony already presented, but let me state:

Besides human and heritage displacement, the project will create Rachel Carson's Silent Spring, or another Owens Valley. The Sandhill Cranes won't come; the ecosystem will be disrupted, our domestic water from the aquifer will be sucked dry.

A personal note: In a few years my office will have a hundred year history of service. I am the only doctor left in the area, and won't be able to get to the office to serve my patients when the highway is cut. I want to make it to the century mark!

America was born in rural circumstances, and remains a repository of values that made this the American Century. This is not fly over country. These are human and constitutional circumstances and should not be treated with disregard. ***For the common good, fine. For ill conceived narrow reasons, Never, Never.***

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