

Policy Statement of Jim Jorgenson

I am Jim Jorgensen, representing the Jorgensen Ranch in Gustine, Merced County, California, and a three hundred acre ranch in Gustine, CA. My Dad was the first Caucasian born on the Mexican land grant, San Luis de Gonzaga, which today lies at the bottom of the San Luis Dam/reservoir.

We are very concerned about this massive project that will not provide any water for our ranch in Gustine through the Delta Mendota Canal. This 15 billion project is iffy at best. The tunnel project will take & grab many family farms and ranches (vineyards, pear orchards, etc.) in Clarksburg & Courtland, who were friends of my father.

We urge you to cancel this project; we need storage of water-nothing has been done since the construction of the dams @ Folsom, Oroville, Shasta & San Luis.

My Dad was a hunter; I am a hunter who served two years in the Peace Corps in Kenya. This ill conceived project will cause damage to wildlife, fish, and endangered species in the Delta area.

Will you please develop better options?

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