

June 22, 2016

Dear Members of SWRCB,

I write to you on behalf of myself, my husband, our sons, daughter, and daughter-in-law, to request your careful evaluation and OPPOSITION to the proposed CA "Waterfix". The proposed intakes on the Sacramento River, an ill-conceived plan with devastating consequences to our farming community, would personally irrevocably impact my family and our future.

We are relative "new-comers" to the Delta—we have only been here 20-odd years, having first farmed here in the late 80's, and then permanently relocated to Clarksburg in 1996. My husband is, however, a multi-generation FARMER, whose great grandparents immigrated from Germany to sod-bust and farm in the Mid-West. When his family began to outgrow the ability of the farm to sustain the next generations, we sold our shares and moved to Clarksburg, for several reasons: the quality of life here, the beauty and serenity of the surroundings, the safety of the community for our children, and the hope of acquiring a land and legacy of our own to pass down to those children. After 40 years of marriage, we have succeeded in owning enough farm property to provide a livelihood for our kids, AND instilled in them the "love of the land" which has prompted both sons to return to the ranch, and our daughter to pursue an Ag based college education.

The CA WaterFix threatens to destroy our life-long dream. The salt contamination alone will ruin our ability to farm or make a living here; the negative impact on our lifestyle and community can't be calculated. Please, we urge you again—carefully consider and OPPOSE this project.

Sincerely,

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