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Policy Statement for the State Water Resources Control Board re: CA Waterfix permit

I live a few miles from Folsom Lake, and spend many days on my boat fishing on the lake. This year, the boaters who rent slips at Brown's Marina have to be out by August 5 – normally they don't have to be out until the middle of October. This is because water normally released from Shasta at this time of year will be released from Folsom instead to preserve colder Shasta water for downstream fish later in the season.

This year the early drawdown is happening because of the drought. However, the WaterFix project is expected to make early drawdowns of Folsom occur more often. Therefore it is not just the people in the Delta who will be negatively impacted by the project. **People and communities upstream will be suffer negative consequences also.** Assemblymember Beth Gaines has written about the impacts to our region:

"As currently proposed, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan would lead to extremely low water levels at Folsom Lake, as more fresh water would be released from area reservoirs and diverted through "twin tunnels" that will send the water to southern part of the state. **So much water would be drained on a routine basis that it would literally cause the lake to "dead pool" or dry up more than once every ten years....** Visitors from around the state come there each summer to boat, fish, and swim with their families. In fact, it is the second-most visited state park in California.... The plan would threaten the primary water source in our region, which directly provides water to a half million customers, and another half million customers further south when water is sent downstream. **The San Juan Water District has said they would not be able to provide water to local customers once a decade - even though we are home to an abundant supply of clean water right here in our backyard....** Folsom Lake also powers a significant economic engine for the cities of Roseville, Folsom and the surrounding communities, providing a significant water supply for local businesses. From mixing concrete on construction sites to powering dishwashers in restaurants and sinks in office buildings, water from the lake keeps our economy going. **Without this water supply, many businesses may have to cease or reduce their operations - threatening jobs and revenue."**

The project is now called the WaterFix, but the impacts are the same. It is not wise or reasonable to harm one region in order to send the water to another region. I hope this project is shelved and a better choice is made.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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