

July 2016

To the Members of the Water Board,

Re: OPPOSITION TO THE TUNNELS

I grew up in Courtland, California. My parents, siblings, and I all worked as farm laborers in the asparagus and tomato fields, and vineyards in Courtland. My family, like many other families, relied on agricultural work to buy food and other life's necessities.

In the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, agriculture provides jobs for thousands of families. The salaries of these families help not only the local economy, but provide revenue and tax dollars for the State of California.

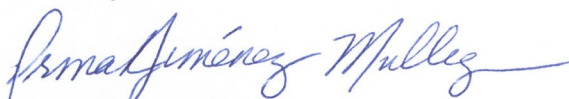
Agriculture in the Delta relies on ground water supplied from existing levees, sloughs, and rivers. The "Tunnels" will shrink these existing water supplies in order to divert water to other regions in the State. Less water for the Delta's agriculture means fewer crops, which results in fewer employees needed to work those crops, which in turn reduces salaries and revenue, and individuals who are no longer needed to work those crops will be unemployed. How is that good for California?

Many reports from experts have already been formally submitted in opposition of the Tunnels stating fact after fact about the adverse effects on the desalination of water and the ecosystems to tourism and the economy, etc.

But WHO will be affected the most by the Tunnels? **Farm laborers and their families.** Farm laborers, who earn minimum wage and are the hardest working families in the State; they will be hit the hardest! But who speaks on their behalf as they sweat and toil the farmlands of the Delta? Please let this letter be a reminder of the thousands of farm laborers and their families who would suffer greatly with the building of these Tunnels. It is their livelihood that is the most at risk! Please consider these individuals when making your decision.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE THE TUNNELS!

Thank you.

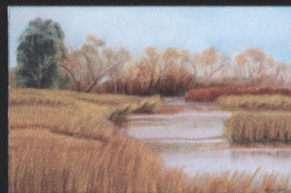
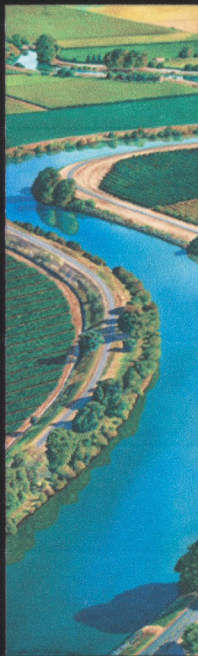
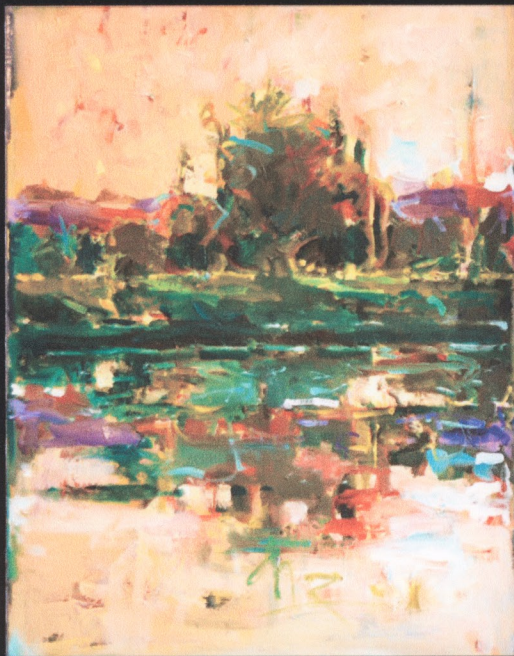


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