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Re: California Water Fix Policy Statement

Dear State Water Resources Control Board:

I am stating my opposition to the CA WaterFix, or tunnels.

Our family has lived and farmed in Clarksburg for more than six generations. Our great grandfather's family settled here in the 1800's, farming and raising dairy cattle. The dairy operation was moved to higher ground in Elk Grove, but farming continues to this day on our Clarksburg home ranch.

The proposed construction of three intake facilities, tunnels and support infrastructure threatens to destroy/impact our community and property in the following ways.

- Dewatering of our ground water will cause the loss of our 50-foot deep drinking water wells. The ground water table will be lowered from its present level of 6 to 8 feet, placing the ground water out of the reach of our vineyards root system. The current multi-year drought has already lowered the ground water to 15 feet, and in the fall of 2015, vineyard production decreased by 50 percent. The proposed dewatering plan will do irreparable financial harm to our family.
- The Sacramento River and Elk Slough are interconnected with our ground water. Water quality damage of surface water will also degrade ground water quality.
- Noise of construction and ground vibration will have a negative impact on our family's quality of life. We live in the country because it is peaceful and quiet. Years of construction and noise will destroy that peace and quiet.
- Project traffic will reduce safety in our community. Our flood control levees, already heavily trafficked during the planting/harvest season, would be damaged by increasing heavy truck traffic. Our children travel these levees to get to school. Their safety is of utmost concern.

Granting a permit to the WaterFix project would sacrifice Delta communities, agriculture and the environment.

Thank you for considering these comments.

John Webber,
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