



July 27, 2018

Ms. Felicia Marcus, Chair
Members of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

RE: Revisions to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Amendments

Dear Chair Marcus and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the family dairy producer members of the California Dairy Campaign (CDC), we write in opposition to the "Revisions to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Amendments" or any similar approach to water management in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and San Francisco Bay, including the Water Quality Control Plan Process.

According to the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) "Mid-Year Review," more than 75 dairies went out of operation last year and more continue to close due to milk prices that are well below production costs. Due to the number of months that milk prices have remained low, the crisis among dairy operations is comparable to the worst year in memory, 2009, when 100 dairies closed across California. California dairy farmers are routinely the lowest paid of any in the nation and have been enduring mounting losses since producer prices began to decline in late 2014. The California dairy industry supports 189,000 jobs including 55,000 milk production and processing jobs and the downturn in milk production has and will jeopardize jobs across the state.

It is critical that California dairy farmers have access to reliable water supplies given the ongoing challenges they face with current milk prices that are well below milk production costs. We support alternative solutions to improve water quality and sustain native species including implementation of predation and suppression programs, river and habitat improvements, restructuring of existing river operations among other solutions.

We greatly appreciate your attention in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Augusto", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Comment Letter – Revisions to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Amendments

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