



My husband's grandfather, along with other farmers bonded their land to help build the Don Pedro Dam & the canal system that allows us as valley farmers to continue to farm and feed the nation.

The Agricultural industry generates the most tax revenue for our state & helps employ thousands upon thousands of people. To take our water without any real evidence it will benefit the fish is inhumane to us humans. The loss of tax revenue & having thousands more unemployed in our state is troublesome. Our state is in serious debt with some city's already filing bankruptcy. The water board itself states the the loss of income to our state could be \$187 million a year or more.

Have you giving any thought on how many more whales we have now thanks to the wild life protection act? Its hard to prove the exact number because only a small percentage is tagged & counted. The best guess is that there is 80 different type of whales. Each species has somewhere between 221,000 to 1.26 million. Eating approximately 1.76 million salmon each per year.

As a tax paying & voting citizen I feel you grabbing the power to devastate my State without my consent is unconstitutional. I didn't get to vote you into power nor do I get to vote to save the water for valley citizens.

I attended the first meeting in Sacramento to listen to the various speakers. The person speaking on behalf of the water board referred several times that the farmer has pumps & can just turn them on. This however, is incorrect, my husband farms 200 acres without any pumps. The fact is only a small amount of farm land has pumps, and if every farmer starts pumping water it will eventually drain our ground water and may cause sink holes and allow salt to penetrate in our fresh water system. The speaker also stated the farmer could grow a more productive crop? What do you consider a productive crop to be? Any crop that's grown to help feed the nation is productive.

Stopping hydropower in the hot summer is irresponsible. We are all suffering to make ends meet and not allowing the water to make electricity is ridiculous. All businesses in California big and small are forced to pay a tax when there is a [bad air alert]. Stopping hydropower will cause more pollution and a very unfair burden on business owners and it will cause more businesses to leave thus taking more jobs and tax revenue out of state.

It is my opinion the water your asking for isn't for the fish, I think it is being stolen to sell to Los Angeles. What you are proposing will literally destroy my our business.

We are very concerned about the effect that these proposals will have on our quality of life, not only ours but for future generations as well. We the farmers will not allow this to happen without a fight. My husband & I will file a class action suit if the water board and the State of California allow this to happen. I am sure there are tens of thousands of people here who will find themselves in the same boat as we are.

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