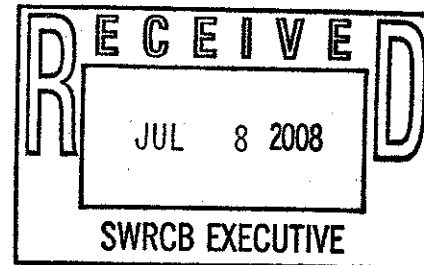


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RE: Delta-Bay/Delta Strategic Workplan

Gentlemen:

Our vineyard and home is located at 42494 Waukeena Road, Clarksburg, CA 95612. My family homesteaded this land **before** the levees were developed and, through four Kuhagen generations, have kept our land alive with crops, grapes and wildlife. Flooding our Clarksburg land and moving the levee in front of our house will be devastating to both us and the environment by:

- Downing the cotton tails/jack rabbits which are finally making a come back from extinction, thus playing a domino eliminating the food supply of other rodents for the red tail, white tail and Swainson's hawks, barn owls and horned owls.
- Harming or even possibly killing humans due to the West Nile and other mosquito infestations.
- Killing our very, very old oak trees which have been homes to the owls and hawks for years.
- Killing our prime grape vineyard which is our only income for survival.
- Destroying our over 100-year old home and long-time residences around us.
- Creating job losses for our field personnel and family members.
- The Sutter Slough levee in front of our home/ranch is perfectly sound with no boils or leaks. By moving the levee in front of our home, along with 3 other family residences/ranches up and down the slough, you will be destroying lives, homes, and land. Moving a perfectly sound levee to make it straight for better water flow for salmon and to break the levee to install a weir is not beneficial to humans. Show me proof that the salmon will come and, if anything, survive in Duck Slough.

If you want to eliminate all of the negative results listed above, then flood the Yolo Bypass where it is designed to handle the overflow of water during heavy rains and high river/slough waters. Also, there is a wide area of open land, on the west side of the Deep Water Channel/east side of Jefferson Boulevard. Another suggestion is to build dams to store fresh water.

You can help the Clarksburg people and the environment by stop taking over land that you cannot even legally prove or even have proven in the past will benefit the area/environment. Since Northern California is in a drought situation, do not waste water to fill in for a marsh. The Freeport pumps will be transporting more Sacramento River water to the Sacramento/Elk Grove/Laguna patrons than fresh water coming in. We also have more sewage water being dumped into the Sacramento River from those patrons. The water level in our slough is becoming very low resulting in sand/mud plugging the pumps for field irrigation. The Sacramento River's low water table also affects Clarksburg residents' ground water.

After attending public meetings regarding Delta Vision and Bay-Delta Program, no one could answer the following questions:

1. How many family homes will you be destroying?
2. How many miles of **prime** farmland will you be flooding?
3. How will mosquito abatement be handled?
4. When will sewage stop being dumped into the Sacramento River?

Please don't waste what little water we have on environmental issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debbie Kuhagen".

Debbie Kuhagen  
Landowner/Farmer