

Attn: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
Executive Office
State Water Resources Control Board
Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 "I" Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814



Board Members,

I'm writing this to express my sincere disapproval of your latest proposal to increase water exports out of the Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and Merced rivers. Your proposed action will potentially fallow over 210,000 acres of central valley farmland, all to assist the powerful southern California political interests in mitigating their already gluttonous consumption of the West's limited water resources. It's time for you, the Board, to finally operate in a transparent and public manner, and to discontinue your characteristic back room business dealings, as you did in creating this proposal on New Years Eve, cloaked from public scrutiny.

To be candid, it is time that you and the rest of our state government cease to treat those of us who live & farm in California's central valley as the red headed stepchildren of our state when setting public use & resource policy. It's time for the so-called power brokers in southern California be sent a direct message that it is their responsibility to deal with the consequences of their irresponsible water use. As a lifelong resident and voter, I demand it.

Sincerely,
Jim Strong
Modesto, CA