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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Ms. Townsend,

Clifton Court was first farmed by Native Americans and later farms were established in the 1870's. Today our farm is the last remaining property. The rest of Clifton Court was condemned for the Clifton Court Forebay. Our farm is located between the intake for the SWP at Clifton Court Forebay and the Federal Fish Screen and pumping plant for the Delta Mendota Canal. Because of our unique location, we are asking to be treated differently. We have two major concerns with the Emergency Regulations requiring measuring devices for our farm pumps.

1. When the State and Federal pumps are pumping up to 15,000 cfs, Old River flows very rapidly and can even have its natural flow reversed. We pump less than 7 cfs. We would like to know what measuring devices the State recommends that can accommodate this huge, unpredictable change in water flow? Will we have to buy special devices? What do these devices cost? Are the devices more expensive than what other farmers will be able to use? We ask that the State not place an unfair burden on our farm.

2. Our farm, Clifton Court, L.P. is under threat of condemnation for the State Water Fix. We ask that our farm be exempt from any measurement devices until all threats of condemnation pass.

We look forward to the State Water Resources Control Board addressing our very specific concerns.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Womack
Clifton Court, L.P. general partner