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Dear Sirs/Madam,

As a long-time resident of Northern California, a taxpayer and voting citizen of this great state, I am writing to inform you of my staunch opposition to the Final Draft Delta Plan.

This plan continues the legacy of half-hearted efforts that do not actually address the crux of the flaws in our water delivery system from the Delta. Perhaps worst of all, it blindly encourages new conveyance (the BDCP) that will serve only to worsen our current practice of diverting too much fresh water from the Delta and the rivers that feed into it. Given that salinity intrusion is already a huge problem now for the Delta, and will worsen greatly as a result of changing conditions including climate change, the plan to add new massive diversions of freshwater upstream from the Delta would be a "double whammy" and likely the final nail in the coffin for the Delta. The people and the wildlife that depend on the health of the Delta cannot be sacrificed for the voracious appetite for freshwater from Southern California and the agricultural interest of the Central Valley.

Beyond the environmental damage that will be caused by the construction of new Delta conveyance, the economic analysis demonstrates that such construction is unsound and unjustifiable. The State is not requiring the exporters to pay for attempts to mitigate the massive worsening of salinity intrusion that would occur because of the new diversions of water upstream. Its plan is to stick the taxpayers with the mitigation costs. Furthermore, the taxpayers of this state will be saddled with yet more bond debt at a time when the state is just now emerging from serious financial difficulties.

This state does not need, cannot afford and will not tolerate the environmental damage this plan will impose on us.

Thank you for your consideration.

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