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A P P E A R A N C E S

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1 And the other -- the other thing Ali mentioned
2 is the -- that the others would take the water Sites was
3 the only one following an approach like that if -- if
4 the water rights [inaudible] were not to [inaudible].
5 And that's not -- doesn't seem to be true, since Sites
6 was last in line with junior water rights. It's really
7 the -- the inflow of the San Francisco Bay that the --
8 with the increased if Sites were to decrease its
9 diversions during the peak flow times of the year. So,
10 anyway, we'll -- we'll submit the written comments, and
11 that's all for now.

12 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Greg.

13 Our next speaker is Garbin. And if you could
14 state your name, proper spelling, any organization, and
15 you can allow -- you can unmute yourself now. Garbin?
16 Garbin, it seems to indicate you're unmuted, if you
17 would like to speak.

18 GARBIN: Can you hear me?

19 SARA KATZ: We can, yes, thank you.

20 GARBIN: Oh, okay. Yeah. Just, put in --
21 taking public water and putting it into a private
22 aquafer -- a public -- a private dam to grow rice and
23 other -- other crops that shouldn't be grown in the
24 middle of the desert seems pretty stupid, and it seems
25 like we're prioritizing -- prioritizing one industry

1 over another. We're prioritizing the interest of
2 wealthy farmers and those who are connected against the
3 interest of the environment, the fish populations.
4 People enjoy, you know, natural flowing waters, and
5 those who don't have quite the connections of the
6 farmers seem to have -- where most -- I guess, from what
7 I understand, most of this water's going to be going to.
8 And very much against taking public water and putting it
9 on private property for private people to make a profit
10 on, especially when they're growing crops that probably
11 shouldn't be grown where they're being grown. So,
12 that's pretty much my thoughts.

13 SARA KATZ: Thank you, Garbin.

14 Our next speaker is Danielle Frank. Danielle,
15 if you could spell out your name and your organization
16 you are affiliated with, and you are unmuted.

17 DANIELLE FRANK: Hi. My name is Danielle
18 Frank. I'm calling from the Hupa Valley Indian
19 Reservation, where I've been raised since childhood and
20 I'm a tribal member. I'm calling because this proposed
21 project cannot go through. There are just too many
22 issues with it.

23 For starters, not the -- not only does it
24 endanger the salmon population that is already
25 depleting, thanks to diversion and other issues, it will