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I am very opposed to the disruption of the natural flow of water in the Delta area and the severe impact on the wildlife habitat by the construction of any dam, including the Sites Project, upstream.

A driving force behind this proposed project is the short-sighted idea that our water in California can continue to be sucked out of the Delta and aquifers throughout the state and squandered on high water consumption crops, especially those that are to be marketed out of the country.

As a life-long resident of Southern California, I am being asked to give up public water, and contribute to the extinction of my state's native plants and wildlife, to enable agriculturists' short-term planning that values profit over science and common sense. Climate change will inevitably cause reductions in our water supply.

In San Diego, we are already sacrificing our avocados and other crops we would like to be able to produce, as we formerly did, both as home gardeners and commercial farmers. We are digging up our landscaping and replacing it with more drought tolerant planting (or letting our yards go to weeds and bare dirt). We are saving our rainwater in barrels, taking 1-minute showers and saving the warm-up water in buckets to flush the toilets.

Meanwhile, "corporate agriculture" is unsustainably mono-cropping inappropriate almond orchards and demanding to maintain their hugely disproportionate share of our water. How many more dams and how much more habitat destruction will they be demanding before they recognize that the inevitable reality of climate change is that the depleted watersheds and aquifers and empty dams cannot sustain their profits?

Building a dam is a short-term, stopgap "solution" that should not be allowed.

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