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Water flows along the Sacramento River as farmers pull off their allotment. Anything left flushes the delta as it impedes the salt intrusion. My grandparents lived on Bethel Island from the 60's until their deaths. Historic salmon runs have an added impediment with the proposed Sites Dam. Water quality was always an issue and I do not see how the Sites Dam will improve water quality. I have yet to see any beneficial aspect of a reservoir other than for flood control purposes. Will this proposed dam have the same effect as Hoover Dam? The water from snow pack of the Rocky mountains has only filled the water behind the dam but once. The water levels require repiping just to fulfill drinking water below the dam. Influential of the San Joaquin valley and water districts to the south have to seek other ways to fulfill their water needs without being a detriment to the delta and added intrusion of salt from the bay.

As i drive along 580 toward Tracy, I see two aqueducts, one with Pat Brown's name that was suppose to meet the water needs of users south. The Owens River drainage and reduction from the Colorado River neither justifies the water grab in order to justify maintaining orchards of almonds to the south for the world's benefit.

See it in your best interest to preserve the delta over those that wish to see every drop of water that flows out past the Golden Gate as a waste of our resources.

Sincerely,

Craig Gittings