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Greetings Brianna,

Is there a way to submit this for the Item 12 today? I will not be able to attend the meeting in person.

Subject: Questions after reviewing posted material on Item 12:

Governor Newsom's  
Water Resilience  
Portfolio Initiative:  
Listening Session  
Part 1

This item provides public input into the development of the Governor's strategy for building a climate-resilient water system and ensuring healthy waterways. A panel of water management experts will offer their perspectives on what a "climate-resilient water portfolio" for California could look like, models for resiliency, and what elements California should focus on to achieve that resiliency. The Commission will take public comment on these ideas and discuss how they align with the principles expressed in Executive Order N-10-19. The Commission may direct staff to organize a second listening session in August to pursue selected topics raised during the discussion.

Start of statement to be placed before the Water Commission for Item 12.

I am Harvey Ross, Placer County resident; greetings to the Water Commission officers and staff, presenters, other attending experts, and other stakeholders. I thank you for providing listen session today. I have read the presented information and have followed water related issues in California for many years. I have a few questions that I hope will encapsulate my desire to have better whole-system thinking tools for the public. I propose that the Water Commission, experts, and other stakeholders have dialogue now or at some other time concerning actual metrics-of-assessment and other related tools of management that will help discern or rate what is and is not actual integrated water resources planning and management within the entire context whole-system thinking in a complex environment. Here are few questions locals are dealing with right now and which may lead to other questions the Commission could choose to pursue:

- How does a water customer assess their local planning and management efforts against an integrated water resources planning and management standard or model that fits the whole-system thinking model used in this proposed **Water Resilience Portfolio**?
- Does such a standard or model exist for rating? Are there tools available now or which could be developed with this “**Water Resilience Portfolio**” effort to allow assessments to be made in the public forum?
- How do water rate payers and other stakeholders for a particular watershed or basin understand accountability in this framework (portfolio) and may reasonably assess our various local water purveying plans (e.g., strategic, Environmental, Agricultural, Urban, master, facility, drought, emergency, groundwater, and other plans) against what is known to be adequate **climate-resilient water-system thinking to ensuring healthy waterways**?
- Does the lack of an Environmental Water Management Plan in the existing Agricultural, Urban, Groundwater, and Drought Management Plan framework-of-things, point to a basic misalignment already, an inadequacy when using a whole-system thinking approach to **Water Resilience Portfolio building within the context of integrated water management at any scale (i.e., local, regional, state, national, world)?**

I think my three minutes is up, Thanks for your consideration and listening.

End of Statement

Harvey Ross  
Placer County Resident.