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To: California Water Commission
Subject: Del Puerto, Pacheco and Sites reservoirs

I totally object to the proposed Del Puerto, Pacheco and Sites reservoirs. Stop all of them.

It's not the taxpayers' job to subsidize dam-building boondoggles so Big Agriculture can make a profit. At least 75% of California's water goes to industrial agriculture. Not far from us, the City of Antioch is building a desalination plant to supply drinking water to its citizens. Cost: well over \$100 million. Where is most of that money coming from? It's coming from the state treasury; it's tax dollars.

So, the state is paying to (a) desalinate Delta water that USED to be fresh and (b) at the same time seeks to build dams that will WITHHOLD fresh water from the Delta. This is insane.

It's long past time to introduce at least a modicum of free-market common sense to the agricultural sector. If a farmer wants to raise water-intensive crops such as almonds or alfalfa, the farmer should pay for that water and the true cost of that water should be reflected in the crop's price. Then, if YOU want to spend \$20 for a pound of almonds or a pound of ground beef, go right ahead — but don't ask ME to help you!

Nor is it the job of any city, county or agency to subsidize wasting water. Lawns waste water. Inefficient washing machines, toilets and faucets waste water. Therefore, charge homeowners and business owners a basic amount of water per capita, then charge much higher rates for use beyond that. Only when this is firmly in place can any jurisdiction beg for taxpayer assistance in securing more water.

I'm sick of this contradictory, nonsensical and irresponsible government behavior.

Sincerely,

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