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RE: Draft regulations for Water Storage Investment Program

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen to urge important changes to draft regulations for the Water System Investment Program.

The \$2.7 billion in water storage funds set aside by Proposition 1 must be used to fund projects that are climate resilient and provide measurable environmental benefits. Current draft regulations give unfair advantage to surface storage projects that provide little storage, harm major river ecosystems, and impair Delta water quality.

The regulations must be redrafted to:

- 1) incorporate the full effects of climate change, including climate extremes, into the calculation of program benefits;
- 2) ensure that only "net" environmental benefits are eligible for funding, as required by law;
- 3) provide real information about how project benefits are calculated.

These steps are needed to level the playing field for groundwater storage investments.

Sincerely,



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