

Brian Dahle, Assemblyman 1st District
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Subject: Forest Health

Dear Assemblyman Dahle:

I heard your comments following the State of the State address and believe Kudos are in order to you for your comments regarding forest health, affordable housing and mega fire reduction.

As a member of the Call-fed watershed work group, I saw watersheds being focused on park and visitor center acquisition and their promotors now in the Governor's Office. The current scheme of the Delta tunnels also does not produce or store water, but at a tremendous cost.

I can assure you that managing the Forest for its own health and the production of water along with the installation of Fusegates on reservoirs to reduce the need for flood cushions and allow them to be filled, and the reduction of weeds and their millions of acre feet that is transpired would produce more water for the State and at greatly reduced costs than moving it around.

The tunnels have not only robber barons favoring them, but also DWR staff who see a lifetime sinecure in their construction. The Fusegates are of French design and worked at Visalia with but a modicum of environmental review. The weed's water use is being verified by UC Davis' Joe DiTomaso who is aided by Jerry Meral , of questionable environmental ethics.

Forest management is being opposed by Environmental groups such as the Sierra Club because of paranoia concerning logging and company size.

I don't wish to be a downer, but wish to urge you to still keep up your efforts in these matters which have multiple Statewide benefits.

Sincerely,

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