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We live on Steamboat Slough on Martins Island near the entry gate to Snug Harbor Resort. This property was discovered by our grandparents in 1940 while they anchored their boat near the beach (see attached picture) and happened to meet Bob Martin, the owner of this non populated island next to Ryer Island. He, grandfather Joseph McCarthy, convinced Bob Martin to subdivide the little island and build a campground and to provide lots for private homes. A parcel was purchased shortly thereafter, and a vacation / summer cottage was completed in 1946 (see attached picture). Our grandparents lived here upon their retirement, adding on to it and making the house more habitable. Since then, five generations of the family have enjoyed this lovely community and all the water adventure and outdoor environment. In 2013 a new house was built on the property to continue our wonderful family tradition (see attached picture). Several times a year, our kids, grand-kids, and cousins come to enjoy the delta and all it has to offer. We are very concerned that the tunnel project will destroy all we enjoy. I am sure more water to SoCal will result in salt water intrusion which will destroy our home water system and the surrounding farmland / lively-hood. And why? SoCal and the farmers can get all the water they need, and have gotten, from the pumps as they currently exist. Why do we need to destroy our current water flow system, numerous farms, and spend billions of dollars. I am certain that expenditure will result in much more water to SoCal and will certainly destroy our wonderful community. AND WHY!





