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Ms. Felicia Marcus
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Dear Ms. Felicia Marcus,

A legacy of failure and broken promises is what the Federal and State government has delivered to the citizens of California. The loss of our most precious California Delta, and the wildlife it supports, should shame any official.

Dania Rose Colegrove speaks the truth when it comes to the greed of corporate farming. Let no man, corporation, or any other entity take away what rightfully belongs to all of the citizens of this state: the right to a healthy environment, one that is alive and thriving.

It is the public trust, is it not? Our elected officials have an obligation, and that is to be good stewards of the land, and to protect it for the health of the people. Yet, the water continues to flow into the pockets of corporations and their share holders at the expense of the California Delta and our way of life and culture.

The delta smelt is a direct link to a food chain that we all depend on. The loss of the smelt and our salmon runs would be devastating to the people of this region. Now, with Donald Trump crying for more water, the salmon runs that once numbered in the tens of millions will surely go extinct. A fabulous fishing industry worth billions of dollars annually and a way of life for thousands of Californians who rely on the bounty of the salmon for work, food and recreation would be lost.

Governor Brown is now trying to remedy a problem that his father helped create, the Central Valley Water Project. It baffles my mind, as I believe it would any sensible person, that this tunnel project is a remedy to the ills of the California Delta. The heck it will! It's just another water grab. Let's be real...The tunnels will only deliver more water to the pumps and thus more water will be shipped south. This thing about shutting the pumps down in exchange is a bunch of boloney. Don't be fooled. Industry will take what they want without consequences. Just think how far the billions of dollars spent on this silly tunnel project would go in terms of water conservation research. In my eyes, Governor Brown's legacy will be one of failure, a man who is willing to endanger the lives of it's citizens with his dams and wasteful water projects.

Moreover, Senator Dianne Feinstein, and her special relationship with billionaire friend and mega corporate farmer, Stewart Resnick, is a clear breach of the public's trust and a snub to the restoration of the California Delta and the people of California. The California desert should be left as it is, a desert, and cultivating it for the sake of massive profits is the wrong thing to do. After all, it takes one gallon of water to grow one almond seed and trillions of gallons to satisfy the pockets of greedy California corporate farmers. In addition, what kills me is that two thirds of the almond crops are sold over seas at enormous profits and Californians are footing the bill with the high cost of water. I guess it's all about the money?

Joe Del Bosque would have plenty of water for his crops if it were not for the few and powerful. Yes, it is the family farmers who loose out to the corporations, and as long those in office continue to support the billionaires who could care less about the ecology and health of the environment, then we all lose...

Soon the salmon trawlers will sit idle at dockside and we Californians may dine on genetically modified farm reared salmon. And, those of us who love to pursue wild salmon on the Pacific, during the hot summer months will sit at home thinking of the old days when the fish were plentiful and all was good. I ask myself, where is the vision?

With Warmest Regards,


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