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Dear Mr. Marshall:

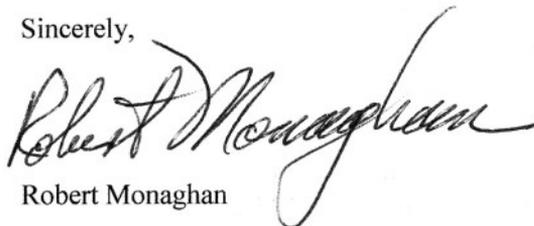
I oppose the actions proposed in the draft EIR/EIS for SDIP. SDIP is another attempt to appropriate additional water from the already-compromised Bay-Delta Estuary. The dredging, barriers, and eventual increased pumping and water exports of SDIP will only worsen the Delta Ecosystem Crash. These actions only benefit special interests such as Westlands Water District.

Request you take the following actions:

- 1) Withdraw the EIR/EIS. Reduce pumping rates and water exports to those that existed in the early 2000s when Delta Smelt appeared to be on the road to recovery.
- 2) Increase ecosystem restoration measures.
- 3) Improve water quality.
- 4) Ensure the ecosystem of the Bay-Delta Estuary, including its fishery resources, is restored and self-sustaining before you consider appropriating more water.

As California's Water Plan demonstrates, our needs will be met for several more decades through conservation, reclamation, efficiency, and conjunctive use.

Sincerely,


Robert Monaghan