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Subject: Taxes on water rates.

Hello, my name is Sydney and I have some requests and concerns I would like for you to share with other board members this Monday. First of all, I request you do not raise taxes on water rates unless it will fund local and sustainable water projects such as stormwater capture, recycled water, groundwater recharge and maybe brackish water desalination. I also request your board does not spend money on any more imported water projects such as the Delta Tunnel or Sites Reservoir.

By implementing rain harvesting and stormwater capture systems in buildings and helping residents install them, we can greatly reduce the amount of stormwater running into our waterways and carrying toxic pollution along with it as well as helping home owners save money. If California greatly increases the amount of local water saving initiatives, we can save millions of dollars every year along with reducing California's energy use and carbon emissions. We can also reduce flooding by placing porous pavement in areas susceptible to flooding and instead, the water would absorb into the ground, helping to restore our ground water.

I oppose the Delta Tunnel because there is no guarantee that with climate change and more severe, frequent droughts that we are going to be able to depend on shipping water from Northern to Southern California. I'm very concerned that tens of billions of dollars will be wasted on a tunnel that may not be able to withstand corrosive sea level rise and or earthquakes. There are numerous species like the chinook salmon that are gravely threatened with extinction and I fear that these projects will withdraw more water out of places like the Sacramento River that are already water stressed. Due to hotter temperatures, more water from the tunnel will evaporate from the Sites Reservoir and we must find more sustainable ways to make it so that water flows into reservoirs. This is where storing water underground or in tanks can help reduce evaporation. We can even help farmers implement massive rainwater storage systems so they can water crops in the dryer months. I'm also concerned that some of the dams are contributing to the massive salmon die off and I request that we look into which ones are able to be taken down in order to help restore the population.

Please forward this message to the rest of the board members so they can review and look at it. If the reason for wanting to push through with the Delta Tunnel is the creation of numerous jobs, I want to point out that there are more sustainable, efficient and cost effective water projects we can promote that will also create new jobs. Thank you for your time and hope I can hear back if any of you get a chance to respond.

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