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Dear Ms. Dolores Brown,

I am writing to express opposition to the adoption of water-contract amendments currently being considered by the Dept of Water Resources. These amendments amount to a huge boondoggle which would give away a significant portion of California's water, including the state-owned Kern Water Bank, one of the largest water-storage facilities in California. This would threaten the reliability + availability of adequate water supplies for many cities throughout Southern + Central California, + shift the burden of payment to the ratepayers, driving up residents' water bills.

Please reject these amendments + instead implement requirements for a realistic assessment of the safe yield of water from the Delta + other areas of California. Californians need + deserve

better alternatives to these dubious amendments. The DWR also must decrease demand on scarce water resources, especially Delta water, by aggressive promotion + implementation of residential water conservation, agricultural water conservation, + water recycling programs.

Sincerely,

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