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Subject: RE:the SVIRWIP
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Dear Tracie,

I am writing to you to let you know that I am opposed to funding any portion of the Sacramento Valley Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Proposal. Although there is a portion of the proposal which would address research needs, the entire process has been conducted so poorly in regards to transparency, public meetings held in accessible areas, appearance of conflict of interest, lack of an adequate contingency plan, and inadequate protections for third party impacts.

The public is not represented in this proposal. It has caused great controversy in Butte County and will incite further advocacy if any portion is funded.

It is essential to conduct in-depth research on the characteristics of the aquifer, and to build public trust and "buy-in" by addressing all of the public's needs (including protections) before attempting to submit a proposal for a groundwater management in our region.

Our groundwater is a publicly owned, common resource that it is vital for our way of life and economy. It must be managed with the public interest at heart.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Oman

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