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I have been a citizen of Butte County for the past 20 years and specifically a resident of the Durham-Dayton area for the past 15 years. My appreciation for the farming community has grown a great deal since I have lived in a farming community. I am very concerned about protecting this areas water rights. It is extremely important to the economy and quality of life here. Many jobs are dependent on agriculture in Butte County. Farming is the root of this rural community.

The goal of improving the bay and levee safety are certainly important but the overall risks to the environment everywhere must be considered. Altering our environment always has a permanent effect on native habitats and species that once changed cannot be reversed. Lowering Butte County's domestic well levels by taking water to the Delta, the San Joaquin Valley, and Southern California would have a devastating effect in this area.

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