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500+ Rally to “Stop the State Water Grab” Ahead of Pivotal Water Board Decision

Drinking Water, Farms, and Food at Risk

SACRAMENTO, CA – More than 500 farmers, laborers, students, and citizens opposed to a state plan to disrupt the water supply of more than three million northern Californians will demonstrate on the North Steps of the State Capitol on **Monday, August 20, starting at Noon.**

The *Stop the State Water Grab* Rally comes just days ahead of the State Water Resources Control Board’s hearing to consider a plan to sharply curtail water flows to nearly 3 million people from the North San Joaquin Valley to the Bay Area. Besides threatening drinking water supplies, the plan would jeopardize a multibillion-dollar farming industry, while providing little proof of environmental benefit.

The Water Board’s plan would initially divert 40 percent of flows from the Tuolumne, Merced, and Stanislaus rivers despite dozens of scientific studies showing there are alternatives that would do more to help native fish populations. State regulators have ignored the research and the voice of the people who depend on this water to survive.

Families, businesses owners, water officials and other Californians will head to the State Capitol to highlight the far-reaching and devastating impacts of this misguided State Water Grab and urge the state Board to reject the proposal as currently written.

WHAT: Stop the State Water Grab Rally
DATE: August 20, 2018
TIME: 12 Noon
LOCATION: State Capitol, North Steps
VISUALS: 500+people, signs, banners, marching band

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