



Sportsmen Yacht Club

March 12, 2015

Mr. Jacob McQuirk
Supervising Engineer
California Department of Water Resources
P.O. Box 942836
Sacramento, CA 94236

RE: Emergency Drought Barriers Project

Dear Mr. McQuirk:

On behalf of Sportsmen Yacht Club, I am writing to express our opposition to the Emergency Drought Barriers as proposed. We appreciate the Department of Water Resources' (DWR's) concerns and believe that they think Emergency Drought Barriers can help maintain water quality for some.

From many years of experience, we know that the Drought Barriers have the potential to degrade our already fragile Delta. We fear for Delta fisheries and endangered species. The rock barriers will have a navigational impact on Delta safety and recreational vessels. We appreciate that DWR is considering a boat ramp and a universal trailer to move smaller craft around the Steamboat Slough barrier. However, there is no consideration for Sutter Slough and West False River. All three barriers should be constructed so that there is no navigational disruption to vessels of any size at any time. We are asking for a full Environmental Impact Report and time for public workshops and meetings in each part of the Delta, with a location that is accessible by public transportation and ADA accessible.

Thank you for your consideration to this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Rick Barton
Commodore