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Phil Isenberg, Chair
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Greetings Phil.

I read with great interest your succinct, fair and resolute response at <http://www.sacbee.com/2011/10/16/3981091/delta-plan-is-a-fair-way-to-balance.html>.

Herewith, I share my subsequent thoughts:

On the subject of agricultural water users in the Central Valley and beneficiaries pay/users pay construct, these beneficiaries (end users/consumers of agricultural products both at secondary and tertiary level) are spread across the continental US and abroad (through consumption of our agricultural exports).

While seeking federal resources to supplement the scenario options (to be say chosen amongst the 4 widely discussed), it is my personal impression (based on my limited reading) that the subject of *virtual water* is not fully discussed or integrated in deliberations and hence in decision matrix.

From peer reviewed journals, I have collected some readings on the subject of *virtual water*, and in capacity of a volunteer, I will be happy to share them with those interested. Please let me know as appropriate. Quantification of these *virtual waters*, differential pricing, and associated policy instrument will always be a complex challenge that we Californians will have to come to term with (together with other things), so I think.

With my sincere thanks for this opportunity and regards.

Sincerely,

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