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Dear Delta Independent Science Board members, I thought you might find this blog post of interest. Thank you for all that you are doing. This is a time of profound challenges.



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The eye of the storm and the State Water Resources Control Board



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The State Water Resources Control Board's Climate Change Mitigation Strategist, Max Gomberg, just retired, and sent an incendiary parting letter to his colleagues, stating,

Witnessing the agency's ability to tackle big challenges nearly eviscerated by this Administration has been gut wrenching. The way some of you have simply rolled over and accepted this has also been difficult to watch.

One of the things I came to understand in our campaign last year to save the Delta Independent Science Board was that California water is like hurricane, and the Delta Independent Science Board and regulatory agencies such as the State Water Resources Control Board need operate in the eye of the storm.



There are epic battles about policy decisions in California water, and also about the science on which they are based. These battles are fought where the winds are fiercest. But I have come to realize that the regulatory agencies need to be in the eye of the storm, where they can objectively weigh the evidence, and act in the public interest. And the Delta Independent Science Board needs to carefully evaluate the science.

[Read the rest here:](https://cah2oresearch.com/2022/07/18/the-eye-of-the-storm-and-the-state-water-resources-control-board/) <https://cah2oresearch.com/2022/07/18/the-eye-of-the-storm-and-the-state-water-resources-control-board/>

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"I wish it need not have happened in my time," said Frodo. Gandalf replied, "So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us." -- Lord of the Rings



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