My name is Bill Diedrich. Please accept the following bio.

I am married to Karen for 32 years. We have raised 3 boys, and currently have 7 grandchildren. The oldest and youngest sons work on the farm managing operations while I engage, to the best of my ability, in water policy issues. Without them, I couldn't be here today. My sons are the 5th generation California Farmers in our family.

I am a 1977 graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, with a B.S. degree in Crop Science, with a concentration in Plant Protection.

I am keenly interested in water policy issues in the region and the state. Our farming activity stretches through the Fresno/Madera county region of California's San Joaquin Valley. I farm in 4 distinctly different water supply regions within this 2 county area.

My farming and farm management operation covers approximately 1,700 acres, mixed in the following crops: 550 ac processing tomatoes, 665 acres Almonds, 120 acres walnuts, 45 acres Prunes (2nd year), 165 acres of pistachios (1st year), 130 acres raisin grapes, and 35 acres pomegranates.

My personal farming operation grew slowly since 1989, and was made possible by the success of a commercial pesticide application business. I sold this business in 2016 after 36 years of service to my customers.

I serve currently on the following boards:

San Luis Water District San Luis and Delta Mendota Water Authority Association of California Water Agencies California Farm Water Coalition Family Farm Alliance Chair Director Ag Committee Chair Chair Member

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