

## **County of Fresno**

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## IT'S A WATER GRAB

## Stop the Kings River Water Grab

The Kings River is the primary surface water source to the Fresno, Kings and Tulare Counties – including numerous disadvantaged communities.

Semitropic Water Storage District (Semitropic) is seeking to divert precious Kings River water towards Southern California.

If successful, this blatant water grab will devastate our agriculture industry and dozens of disadvantaged communities in Fresno County. California leaders must reject this shameless attempt to deprive some of our poorest communities the right to safe, clean, affordable, and accessible water.

As the Assessor of Fresno County, I am very familiar with the impact this attempted diversion of water will have on the Fresno County farm values. I strongly oppose Semitropic's petition to revoke the Fully Appropriated Stream Status of the Kings River.

Let's protect our communities and stop this water grab.

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