

There's a few reasons why I would like to serve on this Board.

1. To present a voice of reason. For too long this Board has based its decisions on no verifiable data. Numbers of cfs needed for delivery and numbers of cfs available to flow through the Forbestown Ditch have changed constantly, depending on the whim or agenda of the speaker. I wish to put an end to this practice and bring back the discussion to verifiable measurements and data.

2. To advocate for irrigation delivery, giving a voice to the customers and residents of division 4. The bottleneck of the Forbestown Ditch is entirely fixable! South Feather knows how to do this, has offered mutual aid and water IS available to us in the reservoirs. This is a good situation and I would counsel the Board to see it this way.

3. Allowing South Feather to fix and improve the Ditch costs us \$250,000 and the planned pipe will cost \$15 million. I wish to be the voice of common sense and fiscal responsibility.

4. The pipe as planned, will forever restrict our water permits to be fully used for drinking, irrigation and fire protection. I wish to be the voice of common sense and fiscal responsibility. Therefore, putting this pipe in will cause us to lose our water rights. I propose being the voice of proper planning for the future, where droughts could become more common.

5. When this restrictive pipe will be built, being too small as it is, we will NOT be able to expand our irrigation infrastructure in our communities. I do not wish for our water to be sold to outside bidders while there are hundreds of current and potential customers waiting and hoping. Mother water is available to us, our communities deserve better. Our community needs water to thrive and be more fire safe. I want to be the voice of the community that needs better care and stewardship than you have shown it over the last years.

6. I also want to be the voice of the land, the trees, the wells, the wildlife....

7. We need these ditches to flow as designed. We need to fix and maintain them, care for them. That way we take care of our neighbors. All this takes work, I am here today to appeal for a chance to take this on. Water is life, and life is worth our effort.

Thank you, Marieke Furnee