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The purpose of this letter is to protest the use of Roberts Island for flood diversion and to offer these solutions we believe would be better than those on the DRMS maps.

1. This island is miles down-river from the source of the floodings. The last levee break occurred much farther up-river. The low elevation storm run-off must be controlled at the base of the foot hills as well as higher.

2. The loss of the great tax base and important roads and railroad would surely cripple San Joaquin Co.

3. The wisest levee improvements would be widening the base on inside. Each "river-side" owner could be paid for the lost acres and structures. That would be cheaper than buying all homes and producing lands. Then the rivers could be dredged to the historic depth to carry more water.

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