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To: Jeanine Townsend

I commend the water board for announcing the plan to save our Central Valley fish populations; however

it falls short of the science based flows needed to do so.

I am asking you to reconsider after examining the science.

I am also asking the water board to review agricultural growing regulations which need to be updated due to the shortage of water available for the burgeoning population in the state.

I would suggest:

1. Crops grown in the desert like conditions, along the I-5 corridor below Fresno, be limited to low water required produce.
2. All new crops in CA must be irrigated by drip and existing non-drip applications be subject to a 5 yr. replacement of overhead watering with drip systems. The state should have a program with rebates for such practices if they don't already exist.
3. The State of CA should create an agency to replace private water contractors as many are making money from selling water as well as growing their crops.

We at North Bay Trout Unlimited have worked over the past 40 years to provide habitat for Coho salmon and steelhead trout.

For the past two week we are excited about the early runs which haven't been seen in over ten years. The prime mover has been more water!

Thanks for your efforts in this regard,
George Starn
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