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To: [commentletters](#)
Subject: Once in a generation opportunity to win one for salmon!
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Dear Members of Control Board,

Dear members of the State Water Resources Control Board

We write you today as California salmon fishermen and residents asking you to strengthen and adopt the recommendations from your staff to require at least 40 to 50 percent unimpaired flow in the three main tributaries of the San Joaquin River from February through June. As you know, the California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife found that 60 percent of the rivers would be needed in the February to June period to restore salmon. Today, there are some months where as little as five percent of one of the rivers still flows.

Too much of the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers are diverted denying salmon the water they need to spawn, rear and migrate in. Never mind the harm salmon already suffer from loss of spawning and rearing habitat behind dams built with no fish ladders.

We all know that the decision before you now is historic. You'll either make the right choice and set California on a new path that balances human development with the state's natural resources or we'll continue to lose salmon, the Delta, the bay, and more of our natural heritage that has made California such a special place.

We understand that it's not easy to tell those who are currently taking water that a mistake has been made and you have to take some of the water back. But that's the reality.

Water diversion permits continued to be issued in violation of Fish and Game code 5937 which requires maintenance of below-dam fish in good condition. Salmon below the dams on the San Joaquin and its tributaries are all in bad condition, a violation of the law.

Allowing too many diversions has slowly choked the life out of the rivers, the Delta and the coastal and inland communities that rely on salmon to make a living and as a food source. Today the Delta is so deprived of freshwater flows that not only are salmon crippled, so too is the Delta itself with toxic blue green algae blooms threatening both humans and animals and invasive weeds clogging waterways and water intakes.

Salmon fishermen understand that by itself, increased flow in the San Joaquin River's three main tributaries aren't enough to get us more salmon. Those increased flows must be allowed to replenish the health of the Delta and Bay and not be diverted at the pumps, a step you'll next consider. Those flows must be adequate to reduce the predation of baby salmon from their birth place to the Bay.

We're all victims of a history that's largely destroyed our salmon runs, allowed over-diversion of our rivers and streams, and decimated the natural landscape our forefathers enjoyed here in California. This is a history of our own making, we need to correct it, and the authority and opportunity to do so are with you now. As citizens of this state, as fishermen, husbands, fathers, wives and mothers, sons and daughters, we ask you to reverse a bad history of draining our finite freshwater rivers, so central to the survival of salmon and other wildlife, and instead restore those waters, communities, families, and the landscapes that depend on them.

Thank you for your consideration, California is relying on you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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