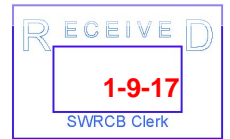


From: Sarah Phillips
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Jeanine Townsend
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Dear Ms. Jeanine Townsend,

Please review the following comments I have with regard to the recovery of Central Valley salmonid populations.

1. *New flow standards should be higher than proposed. Scientific consensus holds that a minimum of 60 percent unimpaired flow is required to recover salmon and steelhead runs in the San Joaquin River system to self-sustaining levels.*
2. *The water board must objectively weigh the needs of fisheries and anglers in the current process. It must consider the wide-ranging benefits that all Californians receive from healthy fisheries and river ecosystems.*
3. *Significant opportunities exist to meet enhanced water quality standards and to save salmon from extinction in California, with minimal impact to the agricultural sector. But these opportunities must be fully considered and supported by new policy.*
4. *California has already tried alternatives favored by large water users to save salmon and steelhead, and these have failed. Dedication of more water, delivered at key times, must be the primary tactic for recovering fisheries and the Bay-Delta's ecosystem. Central Valley salmon and steelhead runs are on the brink of extinction. We can no longer afford to experiment with strategies that don't include more water (e.g. focus on removing other fish species they prey on young salmonids).*

With gratitude for your consideration toward my comments,

Sarah Phillips

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