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**Subject:** Comment Letter – Revisions to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Amendments  
**Attachments:** Watershed Comments.pdf

To: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

Dear Ms. Townsend,

My name is Mary Holzer and I have lived in Palo Alto/Stanford since 1962, and I would urge you to do everything you possibly can to keep as much water in the rivers and the watersheds as possible.

Global warming is having a serious effect on the planet with increasingly devastating consequences. The environmental stresses of drought, wildfires, ocean acidity, affect not only human inhabitants, but plant and animal life. Reducing river flow adversely affects native fish in our rivers, and fish in the Bay and in the ocean at the mouth of the Bay.

In addition, given the number and size of wildfires California is currently fighting, keeping as much water in the natural environment in the form of reservoirs, lakes, ponds and streams, seems to me to be a reasonable thing to do.

I understand that the water system in the Central Valley has been adversely affected by excessive pumping from the aquifer, causing the land to subside. I would suggest that the Water Board take a look at the crops being grown and encourage farmers to replace crops that demand excessive amounts of water - almonds, rice, etc. - with crops that don't require the same water volume. Since agriculture use by far outweighs all other uses, clearly there should be some way that usage should be reduced.

I also think that the insane rate of commercial development should be evaluated and the Water Board should come to some reasonable estimate of just what levels of growth the Bay Area, AND all of California can sustain. We cannot continue to drain water from the environment to support unbridled growth, both commercial and agricultural.

Finally, I am an artist and I regularly paint out in the environment - the Bay, the ocean, lakes, ponds, ranches. Painting green healthy foliage and healthy flowing water is much preferable to a brown, shriveled environment.

I strongly support Alternative 4, requiring 50-60% of unimpaired flow, starting at 60%, to keep California's watersheds healthy.

Thank you!

Mary Holzer

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