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Subject: Against sending water down the river

Dear Members

I am against sending 40% of the of Don Pedro's water down the river at such high flows at certain time of the year. Will they really help the fish?

Governor Brown is going to build three new dams. Two West of the Delta and one in the southern par of the central valley. If the Board is taking the water from the Central part of the state to keep the salt intrusion from the delta and the ecology of the bay, why not build more dams in the Sierra Mountain water shed on the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced Rivers. *It makes better sense to put Dams East of the San Joaquin Valley.* That will bring more water down the rivers and still keep San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced Counties able to survive as communities and have the right to farm. It is sad to see such major decision being made by appointed people with one mind set. How long can you keep growing the Southern California desert ? Water is a precious resource, and with the stroke of a pen many lives are changed forever.

I have lived in the Turlock area for 53 years and was so amazed at the irrigation system that is used. Flow from the mountains, canals in the valley and to the delta. It brought lots of agriculture to the area and growing towns. Farming practices have changed over the years. We were told to put sprinklers in instead of flood irrigation to conserve water. We did. The less flood irrigation the underground water tables go down. Add Los Angles investors to putting large blocks under irrigation in the foot hills, getting a back flow of underground water to the East and water tables dropping. Flood irrigation would help the ground water tables.

I urge you to reconsider and not mandate so much water down the river. Build more dams or underground basins to help these areas not just keep sending it all south. You can't keep growing the Southern California dessert forever it will want more and more.

Thank you

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