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February 10, 2015

Honorable Felicia Marcus, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: State Water Resources Control Board (Board) – Temporary Urgency Change Petition**

Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

Recently, the Executive Director of the Board declined the portion of the Temporary Urgency Change Petition (TUCP) that would allow the Department of Water Resources and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation to increase pumping during specific periods of February and March 2015. Understandably, these are difficult decisions being made. However, in light of the support for the TUCP provided to the Board by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the National Marine Fisheries Service, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, I request that the Board reconsider and reverse the declination.

January, normally one of the wettest months of the year, was the driest on record with an astoundingly low 0.03” of rainfall in the Sacramento Valley. Both the State Water Project and the Central Valley Project have notified their water users to expect record low, or near record low water supplies this year. In this fourth year of drought, it is essential that we balance the needs of California’s people with the needs of the ecosystem. I believe that a balance was appropriately struck by the State and federal fish agencies when they supported all provisions of the TUCP, including limited increases in pumping during February and March.

I appreciate the Boards’ attention to this serious issue but due to challenges brought on by the worst drought in State history, I must respectfully request that the Board reconsider the declination of the increased pumping provision of the TUCP, and for the Board to please provide a written description of the analysis used in light of the scientific conclusions of the State and federal fish agencies.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "HTP", enclosed in a blue circular scribble.

HENRY T. PEREA  
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