



Gentlemen:

I am writing to express strong concern about the SED proposal for only 35% February through June flow to the San Joaquin River from its principal tributaries. The Delta is of key environmental importance and has been in serious decline for many years. Please take action to assure that the recommended 60% of the San Joaquin's unimpaired flow reaches the Delta. The flows have been much lower in recent years and the results are clearly harmful to water quality and wildlife, including important commercial species.

Water use can be reduced, for instance by improved irrigation practices and replacing water-intensive crops with higher value crops, such as vegetables. Restoring needed flows to the Delta need not impact the bottom line and we need your help to do this.

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