



The current proposal requiring only 35% of unimpaired flows for the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers from February through June, and no additional flows in the July through January season is completely unacceptable to the environmental integrity and quality of life and of California.

At least half of the San Joaquin River's natural flow should reach the Delta during the first six months of each year. Flows in the summer and fall should be sufficient to maintain fish and wildlife, water quality and recreational opportunities.

The voters of this state support the revitalization of the salmon, and clean water. Low river flows impede fish passage, concentrate pollutants, raise water temperatures, decrease dissolved oxygen, and eliminate migratory clues.

The decline of this fish in the San Joaquin Basin over the years is entirely human caused and unacceptable. Not only is salmon a keystone species, providing food for other animals and transporting nutrients from the ocean to upland habitats, but also is clearly linked to the disastrous impact to salmon fishing in CA.

The Bay-Delta forms the West Coast's largest estuary, providing habitat for more than 500 species of wildlife. It serves as a major stopover for the Pacific Flyway and as a migration path for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon traveling to and from their home streams to the Pacific Ocean.

Through better management of snowmelt, water efficient irrigation practices, and replacing lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops, we could grow more food with less water.

Please revise your recommendations to present an intelligent and sufficient percentage of flow to support the rehabilitation of the salmon.

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