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Jeanine Townsend Clerk of the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

Dear Ms. Townsend:

This letter is to comment on the board's proposal to require only 35% of unimpaired flows for the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers from February to June with no additional flows in the second half of the year.

I hope the board will reconsider this alarming proposal. What will happen to our salmon, which are an important species that other numerous species depend on? The Bay-Delta is important for many kinds of wildlife, and it's a crucial stopover on the Pacific Flyway. We need a flow sufficient to support wildlife and maintain adequate water quality. Efforts should be made to improve irrigation techniques and plant crops that require less water rather than drain our delta resources.

We need to save our rivers and protect our precious delta area. I hope the board will reconsider.

Sincerely,

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