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To: State Water Resources Board

Subject: Comment Letter Bay-Delta Plan SED

We are five families who are lifetime Stanislaus County residents and farmers, and have two harvesting businesses harvesting silage crops and almonds. During approximately five months each year, we employ over fifty people in farming and harvesting, mostly for dairy families and almond growers in the valley. We employ twenty people year round.

If the water plan to release 35 percent of unimpaired flow on our three local rivers is implemented as proposed, we and all of our employees will loose our livelihoods. We are struggling to stay in business as it is with tough economic times and low milk prices. Please don't put us out of business by implementing a plan that will take water away from valley crops, take generating power from our utilities, and destroy what local economy we have left.

Please consider other alternatives, such as the Delta Stewardship Council's efforts, and/or the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. Please try to implement non-flow measures and see if they work. I believe even incentives to fishermen to catch non-native predator fish would be a great help to Salmon populations.

Please don't take such drastic actions that would put us, and hundreds like us, out of business.

We strongly urge you, the Water Board, to reject this proposal.

Respectfully,

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