



Comments: Bay Delta Plan SED

To State Water Resources Control Board

I have major concerns about the plan as submitted to the Board for consideration. I feel the suggested 35% amount of unimpaired flow from the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers (San Joaquin River System) is grossly inadequate for the maintenance of the Delta and Bay ecosystems. This is not enough to support fish and wildlife as well as recreation and water quality.

> With so little water flowing through the rivers, fish can't get through, water temperatures rise, dissolved oxygen is reduced and pollutants are concentrated in ever dwindling flows. These factors harm salmon as well as aquatic creatures and ecosystems in general.

> Salmon are a keystone species and the health of their populations mirrors the health of the system as a whole. At this time the salmon are struggling. Their population in the San Joaquin River Basin is declining at an alarming rate.

> Many people on the coast are dependent on commercial salmon fishing; the season has been cancelled recently because of meager numbers of salmon returning to spawn. A 35% flow harms salmon.

> The delta supports an amazing array of wildlife and supports migratory birds, salmon, steelhead and sturgeon. It needs to have adequate flows in order to support these diverse populations.

> Vast amounts of water are already diverted from the delta and the rivers that feed into and through it. This goes to agriculture and cities.

I think it would be healthier for all of "us" (urban, agricultural and ecosystems) if we Californians made some changes:

>> in the urban areas we need to get more serious about conservation (even seriously considering desalinization of salt water in some areas)

>>agriculture should grow more water efficient crops and improve irrigation systems

>>we need to improve management of the snow melt, especially in consideration of the fluctuations we are seeing in the snow pack.

I believe you should raise your 35% unimpaired flow amount to at least 50% if not more for the San Joaquin River.

Respectfully submitted,

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