



I am asking the Board to not increase the flows of the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers. This water is vital to Northern California farmers. With the lack of rain we have seen in the past years, this will only make matters worse by preventing farming in hundreds of thousands of acres of prime farmland. It will also impact the area's unemployment rate, as this is an agricultural based economy and many depend on these agricultural jobs as their only income. Keep Northern California's water in Northern California.

Sincerely,

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