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Subject: Comment Letter - Instream Fow Studies Report

Dear Board,

We are heartened that the Board will be generating badly needed information on California Stream Flows, and that everyone acknowledges that substantial resources have to be devoted to this task. But in the next few years when this information will be developed, the surface flow conditions will be compromised by a different combination of legal and illegal diversions, and one of our main concerns is whether an adequate balance will be struck between collecting information on surface and linked groundwater flows in situations where there is reasonable suspicion that surface flows are substantially compromised. All the new data in the world on surface flows won't adequately assist the Board in undertaking its legal duties of continuing supervision in the public interest if it is not adequately balanced with an analysis of subsurface conditions and an understanding of current diversions.

Though our main concern falls outside the categories specifically mentioned in the notice, it is important enough to us that we mention it directly.

Thanks for the opportunity to offer comments on this excellent and badly needed initiative.

Sincerely,

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