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Dear Board Members

I am writing to urge you to dedicate more of the flow in our Central Valley rivers to the maintenance and improvement of the environment. For almost 5 decades I have enjoyed recreating on many of the rivers that drain the Sierra Nevada and Coast ranges, often kayaking these rivers in the Fall and Winter to watch the salmon running. I did this last week on the America River in Sacramento. Although I can't quantify it, there has been a huge decrease in the number of salmon I see on these trip. My anecdotal observations have been quantified by scientist at UC Davis and other institutions. We need to take steps to improve the environment experienced by salmon and other native species.

It is my understanding that the Board is considering reducing the fraction of flow that must remain in the stream channel and increasing the fraction that is diverted in spite of expert opinions that more and colder water must be allowed to remain instream and ultimately flow into the Delta. This continues a direction in which we have been moving for at least my 5 decades in California. Ultimately this course will lead to the complete elimination of instream flow, something that has already happened in some Central Valley streams.

Please heed the advice of fisheries experts and move to increase, rather that decrease, the instream flows reaching the Delta.

Sincerely

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