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Hello,

I am a farmer in Stanislaus county. We receive our water from the Tuolumne river (Don Pedro) to grow our crops.

We currently employ five full time employees that have sustainable wages with benefits. The average time of employment being 14 years. One employee has been with us for 24 years. These employees are our family. they also depend on this job- they have families to take care of.

If the proposal the your board is considering to implement is approved, it would necessitate me having to let some of my employees go. Which one or two do I let go?

I know that MID and TID have done many studies on this river. They have many options that needs to be implemented that would not require us to let extra water flow to the ocean. I would ask that you FIRST implement proposals that would NOT require more water releases. Please work with our MID and TID board.

Thank you for your time,
Alexander Vanderstoel