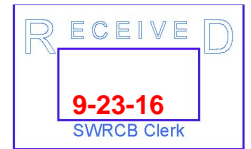


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Comment Letter – 2016 Bay Delta Plan Amendment & SED

Dear Chair Marcus and Board Members,

I see water wastage regularly here in the Bay Area. Each week I ask somebody shaving in the gym locker room to turn off the faucet, although there's a sign that asks the same.

I see sprinklers irrigating ornamental lawns. I've also seen sprinklers on cotton crops in central valley farms in the middle of an August day.

Are we to lose the salmon and river-dependant species over people's refusal to conserve?

Water is too inexpensive! People don't value that which is (almost) free. I pay only 50 cents daily for water. (80% of my bill is not for actual water use, but the cost of running the district). I scoop up my shower rinse water, replaced my lawn with drought-tolerant natives and installed a low-flow toilet not to save money, but to save those species.

There's many water conservation measures which have not been mandated.

I urge the Board to ensure adequate river flows so salmon and other species can recover. Presiding over the continued demise of our natural heritage because people don't want to adapt would be no accomplishment. Heed the scientists who advise that most of the river water must flow naturally. That's not wasted water!

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