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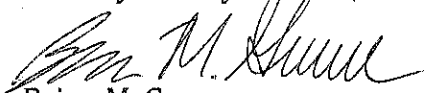
Dear Board Members,

I am writing in *support* of the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. My family lives in Modesto and the response to the plan in our area has been intense and, too often, irrational. People are angry because they fear that less water will be detrimental to our area, so much so that they are unwilling to consider reasonable solutions that bring our water usage into a sustainable balance that protects the environment. But there are many people in our area, my family included, that believe more must be done to protect our rivers for future generations.

We're using too much river water. Full stop. At the same time, the state's response to the ongoing drought has shown that California and, importantly, the Central Valley and Modesto, can use substantially less water with limited impact on our way of life or economy. And if Modesto's numerous green lawns are any indication, there's still room for improvement. We *can* implement efficiency measures and use less water; that there's so much resistance to these common sense measures is a testament to the current power structures that overly rely on water-intensive uses. We must overcome this resistance. If we know we're using too much water to safely maintain myriad aspects of our river ecosystems, and we also know that we can realistically use less water with a limited economic impact, then we should do it.

I urge the Board to see through the power-saving efforts to maintain the unsustainable status quo and adopt the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan. The health of the region is in your hands.

Thank you for your time,


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