



Dear California State Water Resources Control Board,

My name is Brynn Williams and I am a student at Menlo-Atherton High School in the Bay Area. Currently, I am taking an environmental science class and it has come to my attention that The Bay Delta Plan is important to me. I grew up exploring the wildlife that surrounds me. It would very much upset me if the restrictions for water flow to the Delta were not passed, putting the wildlife in danger.

Through my environmental science class, I have learned that on average less than 50% of the freshwater flow from the Central Valley reaches the Bay, and in some years less than 35%. Reducing inflows would shift the size and location of the ecologically-important salinity mixing zone, affecting the organisms of the Delta. I also learned that between 1975 and 2014, the natural unimpaired runoff in the watershed was only low enough to create a “supercritically dry” year once. The upstream diversions captured so much of the runoff that the Bay experienced “supercritically dry” conditions for 19 years. I urge you to pass The Bay Delta Plan.

Thank you for your consideration,
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