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Dear Ms. Townsend,

My name is Colin Carpenter, and I am writing to express my support for more water in the Delta.

As a whitewater kayaker and outdoor enthusiast I have spent a large portion of my life enjoying the beauty of rivers around the world. Specifically I have boated on the Tuolumne many times, as well as spent several summers guiding teenagers throughout the upper Tuolumne watershed in Yosemite. However I feel that recreation is a secondary and far less important reason for keeping water in the river – my first concern is the health of our state ecosystems.

I am aware of the 2010 report, which stated that **60% of unimpaired flow** between February and June would be fully protective of fish and wildlife. **This to me seems like a good target.** An unhealthy population of fish and wildlife will have disastrous consequences for future generations. There may be politicians around the country choosing profit for business over health of the planet, but that should not happen in California.

Rather than have a plan that calls for less water in the river, the state should focus on implementing conservation incentives and regulations for small and larger farms, cities, and industry.

Thank you for your time,

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