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To: [commentletters](#)
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Dear Clerk to the Board Townsend,

As an avid outdoorsman and conservationist, I have been troubled by the decline of native salmon and steelhead migration in the Central Valley. Restoring and sustaining these fishes is critical. Accordingly, I strongly support boosting flow standards for the lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries so as to provide more water when salmon and steelhead need it most.

The Bay-Delta Plan proposes a means to balance the way water is allocated so that fish populations reliant on Central Valley rivers and streams can be restored and sustained. And while the proposed flow standards are certainly a step in the right direction, the most current scientific consensus is that a minimum of 60 percent unimpaired flow is required to recover salmon and steelhead runs in the San Joaquin River system to self-sustaining levels. I encourage the Board to modify its current proposal and sufficiently boost flow standards for the lower San Joaquin River watershed to protect salmon and steelhead..

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

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