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Dear

I urge you to implement a 60% unimpaired flow of freshwater through California into the San Francisco Bay. I am a native San Franciscan. San Francisco is named for St. Francis, our patron saint of ecology. This reminds me everyday we have an ethical obligation to care for and give back to Mother Earth.

I studied ecology at City College of San Francisco. I joined the California Native Plant Society, which has cataloged over 6300 plants native to California. Over 1/3 of these, or over 2100, plant species occur in the wild no where else besides California. Plants are the bases of whole ecosystems. And we are blessed to have all kinds of habitats and ecosystems. California is one of only 36 internationally recognized biodiversity hotspots known for numerous naturally occurring species of plants and wildlife, which are at risk of extinction due to human activities.

In addition, the San Francisco Bay and Delta were named an estuary of international importance. It is home to 400 species. It is an important stopover for migrating birds.

It is the largest estuary on the west coast of the Americas. We must not let these ecosystems collapse. Scientists say we need 60% unimpaired freshwater flow to keep the Bay and contributing waterways from ecological collapse.

It is unfortunate that some folks use a lot of water benefiting a few, while the State must deal with the needs of the many, as well as wildlife. While the State struggles to improve water availability and security, wildlife cannot wait any longer. Please adopt a 60% unimpaired freshwater flow, in order to avoid ecological collapse on your watch. Eyes around the world are watching.

Thank you,
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