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Dear Bay Delta Plan,

Dear Chair Marcus and Board Members:

I want you to know that I support efforts to keep the Delta healthy and restore salmon habitat on the tributaries of the San Joaquin River. Instream flow standards must be set.

The Water Board should listen to the fisheries scientists and biologists and set the bar higher. I urge you to set the instream flows at 60% to ensure the salmon and the Delta ecosystem survive.

With Scientists also warning that California will get less rainfall in the future due to global warming, it is also time that coastal cities incorporate De-salinization Plants into their municipal water districts. Alameda Water District has a De-Sal plant in Newark, California where Wind and solar panels could produce 3 times more than they produce now and not just from brackish ground water. The De-Sal plant in Carlsbad, California is the model of a true Answer to fresh water needs all up and down the California Coast leaving plenty of water to maintain the 60% flow of our natural rivers while supply to the agricultural needs of the State could be met with the rest. This could also be the answer to replenish our ground water aquifers because surface water could be used instead of pumps deep in the aquifer. The problem is "cheap water" from our streams and rivers and the cost of De-salinization infrastructure and energy costs without wind and solar power. Alameda County Water District found that, during the drought, when water costs went up, De-sal was cheaper than purchased water from surface water based Hetch-Hetchy.

Finally, With sea levels rising, and our 700 mile coast line, sea water converted to fresh water using renewable energy provide a never ending supply of water while allowing the 5th largest economy in the world to keep attracting business and supplying the abundance of agricultural products even if we experience extreme climate change conditions. You can not build a bigger reservoir than the Pacific Ocean.

Sincerely,

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