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To: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Ms Townsend,

I am writing because I am very concerned about the consequences of low water flows to the Bay Delta, the West coast's largest estuary. The situation threatens the salmon fisheries and harms the entire ecosystem. I am a native of San Francisco and a lifelong resident of the Bay Area and decades ago watched with alarm as our air filled with smog and our bay shore area developed an off-putting stench.

Fortunately, the work of the environmental community and better management practices have resulted in better air and cleaner water. But now the entire ecosystem is threatened by overuse of our water resources to grow water-intensive crops mainly for export on unfavorable soils in ways that pollute and de-water our rivers. Reduced water flows have allowed harmful algae to proliferate and caused salmon populations to crash. This is not good stewardship.

For myself and for my children and my nieces and nephews and future generations we have to do better. Please listen to the science that dictates greater flows. I understand that in 2010 the State Water Board published a report titled *Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem* that said that approximately 60% of unimpaired flow between February and June would be fully protective of fish and wildlife in the lower San Joaquin River and its three major tributaries. We must take this seriously.

It is past time to emphasize water efficient irrigation technologies and practices, to replace lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops. In the Hetch Hetchy service area, water use decreased by 30% between 2006 and 2016 as a result of water conservation, which shows how much can be accomplished if we are intelligent and responsible. Please listen to those who really care about the long term future of our beloved state.

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