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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

i protest the Governor and State Water Resource Control Board’s plan to greatly increase insert flows in the the Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers at the expense of existing water right holders, communities and farmers.

Further, if existing lawful water rights, in effect for over a 100 years, can be taken away or negated by an unelected single purpose agency, the holders of those rights must be compensated for their economic loss.

Environmental protections are necessary, but must be carefully balanced among competing uses, and can’t be based on a single “purpose” no matter how worthy an individual or small group of activists think their cause is. Environmental protections are open-ended and there will never be enough water releases to satisfy the most extreme advocates. Many other factors affect fish populations beside just water releases, and there must be recognition that with over 35 million people in California, not every fish can be “saved”.

In addition, some groups are willing to manipulate the science of saving fish to further their owns selfish ends.

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