



December 6, 2016

Dear Elected Official,

I have never written a letter to a politician in my life, but I cannot sit by and watch the devastation of the health of our state that I love through the ill-conceived notion of increased flows of water down our rivers. I am concerned about the water crisis in California and am alarmed to hear the possibility of letting 40% more water down our rivers, all in the name of protecting salmon and salinity of the Delta.

What about our farmers and the crops, not to mention jobs they produce in our community? I am proud to live in the fertile central valley surrounded by agriculture, but am saddened to see the difficulty they are having with the recent drought. After being so hard hit the last few years, how is it even possible that you would consider allowing much needed water to just flow out to sea to raise the water temperature for fish? Most of the salmon we eat is from hatcheries anyway.

Please protect our beautiful reservoirs Lake Tulloch and New Melones that provide water to the surrounding communities as well as the economy based upon its use for recreation. Further draining of these reservoirs will damage property values, local employment and eliminate one of the few resources/attractions Calaveras County has to attract visitors and boost the economy.

I urge you to protect the valuable water so vital to our area. Do not allow it to be wasted by releasing it down the river. I beg of you to honorably represent your constituents in protecting and preserving our water.

Sincerely,

Jill Rawe