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To the State Water Resources Control Board and whomever it may concern,

Let me introduce myself, I am Joe Sallaberry. I am currently in charge of the San Joaquin River and have been for the past 45 years. This territory which is a stretch of about twelve miles is also known as Reclamation 2063 of Stanislaus County which is located just North of Merced County.

In the spring of 2012 we had a very high river and in a specific area near Velasquez Farm which is located $\frac{3}{4}$'s of a mile north of Crows Landing Rd. The river happens to curve at this point and eventually the river began taking away from the bank. I was losing roughly about 5 feet of bank per day and this resulted in a loss of about 150 feet of bank about 30 feet deep. To make things short when the river level went down there was this huge bank of dirt in the river about five hundred feet long. This caused the river to begin to back up so I took it upon myself to call a local contractor that has a big long reach excavator and he took the bank of dirt out.

I noticed while he was removing the bank we were destroying the new fish habitat that had developed due to the bank that was made. The bank made a big pool of water and it became a fish haven, in fact the farmer that owns the land in this area was very angry because people were trespassing to come over and fish and so it turned into a very popular fishing spot. I went ahead and told the contractor to dig a deep hole in the same area since I am a fisherman myself and I wanted to conserve the area.

When I came to your meeting in Sacramento on January 3rd 2017 I saw that the problem in those rivers is the temperature of the water. What I'm trying to tell you is this problem can be corrected if you dig the same holes about every 2000 feet and make them about 12 to 15 feet deep, 2 to 3 hundred long.

Last summer I went to the pyrenees Mountains in France and they had one of the longest droughts in many years. Even some of the older citizens hadn't seen a period of time that long without any rain. My cousin has a farm and he has a spring in his ranch and they happen to have German brown trout there. He mentioned to me that the fish had started dying because the temperature of the water was becoming too hot, so I shared my experience from the San Joaquin River with him. The next day he grabbed his back hoe and started digging holes and it was a complete success, it saved all his fish. To prove my point ask any fisherman that fishes in the Sierra and they will tell you that the best fishing spots are on beaver dams, when they dig those holes they have to make sure that they take that dirt out from the river it is obvious that the next high river will fill some but it will be worth to clean them and the cost will be minimal compared to dumping all that water. I'm sending you some small drawings explaining how the holes should be built.

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