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

As a long time resident of the Bay Area, and a property owner on Lake Don Pedro, I am very concerned about water use within the state. I enjoy fishing in many of the states rivers, including the Tuolumne. I also enjoy eating Salmon, and there's nothing better than the taste of wild Salmon. I have watched in recent years as the number of spawning salmon continues to decline on the Tuolumne River and I see the way flows are reduced to a trickle for much of the year, making it virtually impossible to navigate the river in a kayak, which I also enjoy.

When I drive to my second home on Lake Don Pedro, I go through the San Joaquin Valley where farmers still use flood irrigation in many cases to water their trees.

I have reviewed the draft plan for the Bay Delta and believe that it is imperative that it be adopted. It will ensure that more water will remain in rivers that are critical to the health of Salmon and other fish. More Salmon means more jobs in the fishing industry. It will enable greater recreational use of the rivers as well. There are many ways that we can all use water more efficiently. There is drip technology that can be employed by homeowners and farmers to use less water. There is grey water that could be used for irrigation purposes instead of potable water. And there are systems to reuse water and thereby reduce the use of fresh water. For these reasons, I believe that the plan is feasible and will result in a healthier Bay and healthier rivers that are part of the overall ecosystem. I strongly urge you to adopt the plan.

Sincerely,

John Kreiter