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

I've been swimming in the San Francisco Bay year-round for over 30 years as a member of the South End Rowing Club, and I can tell you that we need strong flows to keep the Bay clean. Lately we've had a lot of riverside plant debris flowing into the Bay due to the heavy rains, and that's fine. It's the industrial contaminants, non-point-source runoff, oil spills, medical waste, and other poisonous products that I'm concerned about as a swimmer.

Bottom line: Please provide maximum flows to the San Francisco Bay/Delta, not only to protect and restore fisheries, but to provide for humans as well.

We can and will continue to conserve water, if that's what's needed. You've seen how well we've done during the drought. I find myself continuing to conserve – e.g., saving tap water as it warms up for use in the garden, etc – even though we've had such heavy rains.

Finally, I've suggested this before, but no one took me up on it: You need to change your name from "waterboard," which conjures up a type of torture – waterboarding – to something more benign. Don't keep torturing us by starving the Bay of fresh water!

Best regards,

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