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*To the board:*

*I was born and raised in California, and as a child during summer vacation, I learned to love the southern California beaches and the beautiful landscape between our home in Salinas and our Grandpa's house in South Laguna. I also, saw firsthand the destruction of vast areas of California landscape, and experienced the sickening air in the Los Angeles basin in the 60's and 70's*

*As an adult, I have learned more about our wonderfully diverse California environment, and I have learned the importance of a healthy environment for all of us – humans and all other living creatures.*

*Through organizations such as the Tuolumne River Trust I have learned about the importance of the Tuolumne river systems as it affects the health of the Sierra environment, our lush and fecund delta lands and our own precious water supply.*

*I commend the State Water Board for releasing its updated Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan which calls for 40% of unimpaired flows between February and June on the lower San Joaquin River and its three major tributaries, of which the Tuolumne is the largest.*

*However, I believe that at least half of the natural flow from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced and lower San Joaquin Rivers should be allowed to flow to the Bay-Delta in order for the delta to continue to give us a diversity of creature life. Also, the flows in this system must be sufficient to inundate floodplains, which serve as critical habitat for juvenile salmon and other fish. Our salmon populations are in peril as are the livelihoods of an entire fishing industry.*

*Without sufficient water, entire ecosystems and all related critters will parish. We must not let this happen. Through conservation, we citizens of towns and cities can and have saved water, and farmers also need to do a better job of conserving water.*

*In conclusion, I thank the State Water Board for its report, but I believe that the Board should follow the Tuolumne River Trust recommendation of at least 50% unimpaired flow from the Sierra to the Delta in order to restore our river ecologies and the Bay-Delta.*

*Thank you sincerely*

*Julianne Frizzell*