



January 15, 2017

Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

Dear Jeanine Townsend,

I am writing re the Water Board's proposed increase of flows from our rivers.

This area has already experienced, due to the last five years of drought, a reduction in farms. Some of the small ones have been forced to stop planting altogether. Some of the larger ones have found it necessary to greatly reduce the number of crops planted or change to a different crop, not always to the benefit to this community. Some have had to look for and drill wells in order to water existing crops. This further reduces our ground water. A further reduction of our water supply due to any increase flows from our rivers would be devastating to our economy, our drinking water and quality of life to this entire community.

I urge you to carefully consider all the ramifications of this plan and stop any further increases of diverting flows from our rivers.

Sincerely,  
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