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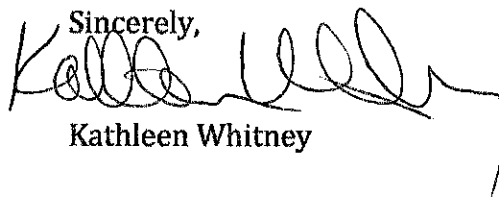
California State Water Control Board
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Dear Water Control Board Members,

I am very concerned about the drought here in California, and the possibility of not having enough drinking water in the future. I am also concerned about the health of our rivers and the survival of the salmon who depend on them. I know agriculture needs water too, but I think agriculture needs to make some adjustments: like not growing crops that need an inordinate amount of water, like dry-farming when possible, like growing mainly for local consumption, and cutting down on exports.

I have been conserving water in my home for years: I save dishwater and use it to water my garden, I never take baths, I don't shower every day, I wash dishes using a minimum of water, I don't wash clothes unless they're dirty or they smell, I only have native plants or drought-resistant plants in my garden, I almost never wash my car, and I have a grey-water system from the washing machine to the fruit trees and vegetables in my garden.

I personally am more than willing to conserve water even more if all San Joaquin water users pitch in to bring the state's second-longest river back to life.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Whitney