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State Water Resources Control Board Members  
c/o Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board  
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RE: SUPPORT RESTORING FLOWS TO LOWER SAN JOAQUIN RIVER

Dear State Water Board members:

In my opinion, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) should use its authority to set strong flow standards on the Lower San Joaquin River and its tributaries, in order to restore fisheries and recreational uses.

I am a fly fisher, and I rely on the health of California's rivers. I have watched the ongoing degradation of our waterways as a result of the over appropriation and out-of-stream use of these waters. We all need healthy rivers and the habitat they create for our salmon and steelhead. I spend time and money in small communities throughout California where I fish. I pay fishing guides, buy food, gas, and meals.

I support the SWRCB objectives that would help improve flows on the Lower San Joaquin River. This will help protect and restore streams and the communities and businesses that depend on healthy rivers and a healthy Bay-Delta system. We need to restore the balance between those who extract water from the San Joaquin River and the businesses and livelihoods that depend on leaving more water for our fish.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kirston Koths, Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kirston Koths, Ph. D.