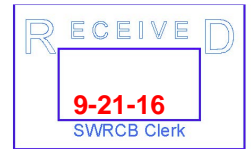


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I am a retired Ph.D. cancer biologist, now traveling broadly to photograph birds. I have made many trips to see birds in the Bay Delta region. I am a strong advocate for wildlife, which needs a steady supply of water to thrive. There is no question in my mind that least half of the natural flow from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced and lower San Joaquin Rivers should make it to the Bay-Delta to maintain its historical vitality. Flows should also be sufficient to cover floodplains, which serve as critical habitat for juvenile salmon and other fish. **Water birds must have fish to survive.** The Bay-Delta forms the West Coast's largest estuary, providing habitat for more than 500 species of wildlife. It serves as a MAJOR STOPOVER FOR PACIFIC FLYWAY BIRDS and as a migration pathway for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon traveling to and from their home streams to the Pacific Ocean. Through better management of melting snow, water efficient irrigation, and replacing lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops, we can grow more food with less water. Doing all this will help the birds and other wildlife I love.

Sincerely,

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