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This was drafted weeks ago and forgotten about. Respectfully, I'm sending it now.

Dear Committee Chair:

Is it true that pending regulations from the bureaucrats at the SWRCB will have the following affect:
"...allowing anywhere from 35 percent to 75 percent of the flows from the Sacramento River watershed to wash out to sea." -Sacramento Bee? If so, then those rules should be reexamined prior to being enacted.

It is my considered opinion that decisions for the rest of us are often made by California State bureaucrats **who have no skin in the game**. This is not playing fair in the sandbox. It shouldn't be that the main benefit of such legislation or regulations that affect a huge portion of a state benefit only the resumes of a handful of people *who aren't harmed by their own words*. It shouldn't be that bureaucrats continue to regulate 30 million people to the inth degree JUST SO THEY CAN MAKE A PAYCHECK. This is how it looks to us! Hundreds of [you] sitting in high rise offices in Sacramento spending an entire 40-hour work week dreaming up something to put on paper so your superiors will think you have value! WHEN WILL THE *CONSTITUENCY* HAVE VALUE TO YOU?

Unless you are a farmer or rancher who relies on the water coming down from higher elevations to irrigate crops or animals, then YOU DON'T KNOW – and apparently don't care – that the types of decisions such as the current Bay-Delta Plan Amendment will drastically affect them and their families for perhaps generations to come. It seems you care more about words on a piece of paper than the people your legislation affects.

It should be the case that *you have to explain yourselves in plain words to Californians about to be grossly harmed the who or what will be benefitted* by such sweeping regulations. If journalists (SacBee) researching draft legislation arrive at the conclusion that the harm outweighs the benefits, then you should STOP going in that direction. Do you ever consider that, Chairwoman Marcus? Do you ever think outside of the myopic views of your coterie of city-dweller coworkers to remember that tens of thousands of Californians rely on water for something other than their built-in pools?

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