

September 30, 2016

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

Subject: Comment Letter - 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED

Dear Jeanine:

I am writing to you today in support of the State Water Board proposal to require that 40% of the unimpaired water flow in the Tuolumne, Stanislaus and Merced rivers be protected between February and June.

State agency studies have shown that salmon, steelhead and other species of fish have been adversely affected by the diversion of water for commercial and agricultural use. The effects on these three rivers include too little water for effective spawning, as well as increased water temperature that is detrimental to these fish. The long term viability of these valuable species of fish are at risk by maintaining the current water use levels.

Additionally, other species of wildlife rely on these fish for survival and will also suffer if there is no change in current water management in these three rivers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely;

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