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

To the Clerk to the Board:

I am writing in support of the State Water Resources Control Board's 40 percent river flow target to help mitigate the collapse of the San Francisco Bay ecosystem. It is unacceptable for us to allow human uses to so outpace water needs of other species that we cause widespread population decline of fish, birds, and phytoplankton, perhaps to the point of extinction.

We need to be bold, innovative, and forward-thinking. Solutions exist. California can take lessons from Australia on water recycling and rainwater catchment. We must ask if it makes sense to grow food in an arid climate for export. If agriculture cannot continue on its current scale in California because it is simply not the right climate, it is time that we ask our government to assist in retraining farmers and agricultural workers in other industries, just as we look to update skills for miners. As we consider job losses in agriculture, we must also consider job losses in the fishing industry. Our goal needs to be for long-term sustainability, not to preserve one particular set of jobs for this generation.

I believe that we have a moral imperative to protect other species, their habitats and the ecosystems that ultimately contribute to human life as well.

Sincerely,

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