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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
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Re: Comment Letter – 2016 Bay Delta Plan Amendment & SED

Dear Members of the State Water Resources Control Board

Why am I writing? Why do I care about this issue?

As a former executive director of an environmental education museum, I know how important nature is to humans. We are part of nature. We depend on all the cogs of the wheels working to bring us fresh air, clean water, wildlife, breathing space.

An essential part of nature is adequate flow from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced and lower San Joaquin Rivers. About 60% of unimpaired flow between February and June would protect wildlife in the lower San Joaquin River and its three major tributaries.

Whether one fishes, watches the birds who use the Bay-Delta area as a major stopover for the Pacific Flyway, or one who thrills at and perhaps eats the salmon, steelhead and sturgeon who migrate to and from their home streams to the Pacific Ocean – major good things begin to happen when enough water flows.

You have the power to make that happen. I urge you to do so.

With grateful appreciation,

Linda Liebes

cc: Senator Jerry Hill (D)
Assemblyman Richard Gordon (D)

