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COMMENT LETTER – 2016 BAY-DELTA PLAN AMENDMENT & SED

California State Water Resources Control Board:

This letter is in support of proposed increases in water flows on the Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and Merced Rivers. I commend the changes that the Agency has proposed and hope these changes will be implemented by the Board. I feel that increased flows on these rivers are the best way to balance the needs of the ecosystem, downstream communities, recreational users, and economic interests.

Personally, I feel that this proposal and the decision that is about to be made is the most important one affecting River health to be considered in my lifetime. Though I am only 29, I have been doing light research on the health and development of these three Rivers for some time, and believe that nothing will improve the health of these river ecosystems more than increasing water flows. I would really like to see a healthy, productive, self-sustaining Salmon population exist on these Rivers. Something about the thought of a healthy fishery and

ecosystem captivates me. I sincerely hope that we will soon see the day such an ecosystem exists.

As for the other interests that these rivers are subject to, I believe that the proposal will do a much better job of balancing the concerns of all parties. It seems that the health of the River ecosystem, Agriculture water needs, recreational opportunities, and downstream water quality will all be considered equally with this proposal. With increased river flows, Central Valley Agricultural economies will still function, ecosystem health and fish populations will potentially improve, water quality in the Delta and Bay Area will improve, and recreational opportunities for the public will improve. With a healthy fishery in these Rivers, Coastal fishing economies will potentially improve as well. The benefits to all communities involved offset and justify the economic losses that Central Valley agriculture will potentially face. Increasing flows will have benefits that span multiple regions, from the Foothills, to the Central Valley, the Delta, the Bay Area and out to the Coast. This kind of balance and sustainability for all regions involved is, in my opinion, sensible, prudent, and justified.

Please consider and implement the changes and increased flow requirements that your agency, with all relevant scientific analysis and foresight, has proposed. May the decision that best balances all interests in Stanislaus, Merced and Tuolumne River water flows be made...

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