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California's water, as it should be everywhere, is a public trust resource. The clear inherent rights and codified legal meaning of this concept is that the majority of water, and the "earth" surface on which the water lies, belongs inherently to the people of California. The true nature and history of water, flowing through stream, river, delta, bay, and finally ocean...makes us clearly aware that water really belongs to all the people "down-stream" from any point and use on the earth

While water agencies, farmers, and others may have some rights granted to use "the peoples water" in manners that are beneficial and approved, it is the State (the people) that must determine which beneficial uses have priority/approval, and how that precious resource is to be managed and protected. Additionally, to aid in the assurances to deal with changing needs, conditions, and environment.

It is the responsibility of the California State Water Resources Control Board to represent all the people of the state in these matters.

To this end, "the true public interest", I strongly encourage the California State Water Resources Control Board to represent all the people of the state and go forward with approval and robust enforcement of the currently drafted "Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan".

The drafted plan is entirely fair and equitable to all "upstream and downstream humans", stakeholders, and businesses. While I and most others (who are somewhat knowledgeable, and are not driven by rampant profit motive) believe strongly that at least half of the natural flow from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced and lower San Joaquin Rivers should make it to the Bay-Delta. However, the draft plan to share and allocate water in a conditional and proportional manner seems very fair and achievable...but will require a robust

enforcement regime. Additionally, the increased water flow must not be diverted to any other locations, or purposes. The increased flow must be allowed to follow the natural paths completely to the ocean!

The plan also represents an immense improvement to the possibilities of protecting and reviving the populations of wildlife that are continuing to dwindle on a path to extinction (local and regional “extinctions” are already a sad reality). This is because some groups (usually with strong profit motives that are never satiated) have been given “greater right” to state water. Thus, the common man and wildlife (as a whole) are left to suffer the terrible consequences. The people of this state want the waterways and wildlife of this state to be vibrant, healthy, and diverse...allowing all to thrive and be accessible for today and the future!

Thank you very much!
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