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Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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RE: Comment Letter – 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment and SED

Dear Board Members,

For the past 100 plus years the Federal Government through the actions of the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Corps of Engineer in cooperation with our Congress, former Presidents and State officials, launched an ambitious program to bring water to the desert called California and much of the West. They built dams, diverted streams, proposed many as flood control measures and basically completely altered the natural landscape that existed before. It created an agricultural oasis renowned world wide for food production. This system has worked well in years when the weather cooperates and not so well in years of too much precipitation or too little.

Now at last, for some reason, our fine State has developed a conscience and is going to try to undo portions of the existing water delivery system to the purported benefit of fish and Delta balance. You should realize that you are asking for this on the backs of the citizens of the Central Valley and none others elsewhere. You are proposing to proprietarily take water that was promised and delivered in good faith for all this time. My husband and I will personally be devastated if in fact we lose our 18 acre ranch due to the ramifications of this plan. Agriculture is the backbone of this region and you know this.

This project is far too ambitious and over reaching in its scope. Not only will this not revive the salmon or the rivers it won't help any of the missing elk, grizzlies, and waterfowl that were also doomed because of man's incursions. The biggest curse of all was the success of the human population and that doesn't look like changing any time soon. I urge you to work with the stakeholders on this issue. You cannot hope to reverse the long years of problems overnight and shouldn't vote to do so. Go back to the drawing board and ask for help from the people in our area so that we can eventually be proud of our achievements, done together for the benefit of all involved.

Most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Wolf". The signature is stylized and cursive.

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Cc: MID, TID, OID, Modesto Bee, Sacramento Bee, Assembly Member Adam Gray, Senator Anthony Cannella, Governor Jerry Brown, Senator Kamala Harris, Senator Diane Feinstein , Representative Jeff Denham,