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

Subject: Comment Letter: 2016 Bay Delta Plan Amendment & SED

Ms. Townsend:

I'm writing to add my voice to those (a) supporting the State Water Resources Control Board's draft in-stream flow objective for San Joaquin River tributaries of 30-50 percent of unimpaired flow, and/or (b) asking for consideration of raising that flow objective, at least modestly.

The need for added water flow to restore the lower San Joaquin River ecosystem, including salmon populations, as well as the farther downstream effect of adding flow to the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta ecosystem, is vital and clear. I don't want to punish hard-working farmers who also use that water, but it has also been clear for some time that agricultural expansion in the Central Valley has lead to water needs/ demands which exceed what Sierras rainfall and snow can reliably deliver now and over coming decades. We have to adjust agricultural water consumption to fit this reality in order, among other things, to make Central Valley agriculture sustainable.

Thank you and the Board for consideration of this matter and request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loring Dales".

Loring Dales, M.D.