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To Whom this May Concern

Enough is enough. Farms have borne the brunt of the pain from the last five years of drought.

People and quality of life are more important than stopping nature from interfering with small numbers of declining species of unspecified value. Scientific studies prove that the years-long policy of allowing water to flow freely to the ocean, while well intended has not halted decline of targeted fish species, But it has devastated local communities, agriculture and quality of life throughout the state.

We can, and should do better. Current science indicates struggling fish populations are better helped by such strategies as controlling predators, restoring habitats, and utilization of functional flows.

Going forward, we need a comprehensive solution that goes beyond simply dumping water. Where this Board doesn't have the authority to do this, I respectfully request it work with the agencies that do, including unaffiliated local stakeholders.

Direct dumping of 350,000 acre-feet of water out to sea - enough water to irrigate over 100,000 acres of farmland or meet the domestic needs of 2 million people for a year is simply outrageous and a flagrant waste of valuable resources.

Respectfully,

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