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Hi – my name is Mike Gordon and I am a resident of Palo Alto CA. Since I was a young boy (I am now 52), I have been an avid backpacker, fisherman and hunter and have always enjoyed the beauty of California’s outdoor abundance. But over the last decade, I have seen how serious our ecosystem has degraded. No doubt the drought has contributed but so has population and agricultural growth that has cut significantly the amount of water that flows to the San Francisco bay. Water flow is critical to the survival of endangered salmon fisheries as well as that of countless other species. Adequate freshwater flows will also protect against incoming salinity from the Bay.

I hope you will take into serious consideration the State Water Board report titled Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem and their finding that 60% of unimpaired flow between February and June would be fully protective of fish and wildlife in the lower San Joaquin River and its three major tributaries. I understand and appreciate how critical agriculture is to our state economy but firmly believe that through more advanced irrigation technologies and conservation, water flows can be restored without severe impacts on our farmers.

Thank you for your service and consideration.

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