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To Whom It May Concern:

I just wanted to voice my strong concern and opposition regarding the weakening of the water standards for anywhere in the SF Bay Delta and in particular in the currently proposed area in the South Delta.

I fish and spend time there and over the last decade+ (and probably longer before I was there), I have watched and clearly seen an ecosystem in collapse. Fish that were always plentiful are fewer and farther between. Catfish which could be caught in huge numbers have all but disappeared from many areas (I'm guessing that this may have to do with increased salinity driving them away/killing them). Invasive plant issue has ballooned hugely and is an utter mess. This seems apparently to be exacerbated by higher water temps which are caused in part due to lower flows. The only treatment/recourse that the State has taken is to do extensive spraying of the plants to kill them. Now when I immerse my hands and such in the water for an extended period of time, I get some sort of skin rash which never used to happen until the last few years -- I suspect that this has something to do with the chemicals being sprayed on the plants (and hence into the Delta).

Please do not weaken salinity standards in the South Delta (for so many reasons which I do not need to go into here - agriculture, drinking water wells, fishing, boating, ecosystem health, fish breeding)

Please work towards reducing water usage and required exports from the Delta. Currently it seems with the large nut orchards growing in southern San Joaquin Valley, water demands are just going to grow and grow.

Please increase water flows on the San Joaquin River, not reduce them. State studies pointed to a need for 60% flows, much higher than the suggested 40%

Thank you for reading this and considering my input.

Sincerely,
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