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Dear Folks,

I heard that Australia, when they redid their water policy, started with a set-aside for river flow. Makes sense. Keep the rivers healthy, and then all the extra water can be used for other matters.

60% of unimpaired flow was what appeared in the Water Board's 2010 report; 40% is what is being proposed. To me, that is very strange math that seems, ultimately, to add up to a dead Delta. As someone living on the Bay, I don't relish what that might mean to us. Please, 60% is what we need; 40% can only be a starting point, with the aim to steadily increase river flow as ameliorations are found for contracted water users, until we have a healthy river, whose excess flow can then be allocated to other users.

Thank you,

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