

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
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Subject: Comment Letter- 2016 Bay Delta Plan Amendment & SED

Dear Ms Townsend,

I have lived in California most of my life, and enjoying our rivers is one of my favorite pastimes. I've spent many wonderful hours rafting, canoeing, jumping into swimming holes, identifying the plants along the shores and watching wildlife. In short, I love our rivers!

As a professional, I help people save water by replacing water-loving landscapes with more climate-appropriate landscapes and efficient irrigation systems. My business is booming given Californians' growing awareness and concern for the need to conserve water. And, I believe we can make even more progress by working with farmers to make farming in California more efficient as well.

We need to protect our rivers not only for the enjoyment of the current and future generations, but for the health of the wildlife that depends upon them and for the economic stability of our fishermen. The precipitous decline of salmon populations in our rivers is an indication that our policies and practices regarding our rivers are failing. The salmon are an important source of food not only for humans, but for over a hundred other species as well. When the salmon are in trouble, the whole food chain is in trouble. If we continue down the path of "business as usual" our rivers will die, and we as a people will have failed.

We need to reverse this trend before it is too late. According to the 2010 report "*Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem*" we need approximately 60% of unimpaired flow between February and June to fully protect the fish and wildlife in the lower San Joaquin River and the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced River tributaries. Therefore, I urge the board to adopt this recommendation.

Thank you,

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