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**San Joaquin tributary flows should be 60% of unimpaired**

Dear Board Members,

I am a resident of the San Francisco Bay area and a citizen that greatly values California's natural environment. I write to urge you to set flow objectives for the San Joaquin tributaries at 60% of unimpaired. Your own 2010 flow criteria report concluded that level was necessary to restore the health of our riparian, Delta, and SF Bay habitats. Clearly healthy rivers need to have adequate flows:

- Low river flows impede fish passage, concentrate pollutants, raise water temperatures, decrease dissolved oxygen, and eliminate migratory cues for fish returning to spawn.
- Flows should be sufficient to inundate floodplains, which serve as critical habitat for juvenile salmon and other fish.
- Through better management of snowmelt, water-efficient irrigation technologies and practices, and replacing lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops, we could grow more food with less water. More crop per drop!

I believe flows at lower levels will not reverse the substantial damage done to our aquatic environments with many years of excessive diversions.

I support the Board's draft proposal as a step in the right direction and strongly urge you to hold firm to a minimum of 40% of unimpaired? flows.

Sincerely, I have a personal concern about sturgeon who are very vulnerable to reduced flows. These ancient beings are threatened by extremely low flows - due to reduced oxygen, increased pollutants, inappropriate temperatures -

I use anywhere from 11-20 gallons per day and am committed to using as little water as possible. I also work in the water conservation field, educating about greywater and rainwater re-use. I am also committed to working on behalf of composting toilets so we stop wasting water to flush.

Fish are more important!!!  
Sincerely, Christina Bertea

So there are many things we can do to use less municipal water