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To the State Water Resource Control Board,

My name is JR Gerber and I am a highschool student in the Bay Area. Along with many of my peers, I enjoy seeing the wildlife around me thrive and hope that by the time I have children, they can enjoy nature to its full potential. This wildlife includes fish and aquatic animals in our state's water. With the low flow of rivers in California, the aquatic wildlife is suffering and unable to thrive. With the failure of population growth of many fish come disadvantages for us as well.

Our fisheries are already suffering (and have been for many decades). Without a strong and natural flow, fish, such as salmon, cannot freely move along the river to lay their eggs and increase the population. Therefore, their populations diminish in size. With the low population size of the fish, our fisheries will suffer and so will our economy. It is your responsibility as government workers and simple Americans to do what is right for the people and the environment, By allowing the rivers to stay low and therefore hurt fish populations, you are permitting the collapse of our environment, our economy, and our beautiful society. I implore you to make the rivers flow naturally and strongly.

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