



Water releases from the Tuolumne and Merced River

Your proposal to let more water from the Tuolumne and Merced rivers into the ocean is flawed and will hurt more people than it will help. Large and small farmers will have to drill wells to replace the lost water. Smaller farmers will find it impossible to finance wells large enough to replace the lost water. Well permits are difficult and slow to get. Governments may restrict well permits as water tables are reduced.

It is questionable that more water will help the salmon industry. Do we need more restaurants offering "wild caught salmon"? We believe that the production of milk, eggs, vegetables, fruits, and nuts is much more important to everyone.

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