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Hello,

My name is Elizabeth McMunn-Tetangco, and I am writing to comment on the Bay Delta Plan Amendment.

I moved to Merced in 2005, in large part because I love the landscape here. I enjoy hiking in the mountains, kayaking in the lakes, and spending time outside. I realize that water is a difficult issue in California right now, and that there are many competing interests, largely because of the drought.

That being said, I believe it is critical for us to protect habitats by maintaining as much water flow for wildlife -- including salmon and other species -- as possible. This is not just an aesthetic issue; our existence on the planet is more and more precarious as we change the natural environment and divert water away from ecosystems. The chemistry of the Delta is changing in dangerous ways and producing neurotoxins that can sicken people and destroy plankton and other wildlife, and pollutant concentrations that threaten our health as well as that of the waterways.

I would like to ask that water flows be sufficient to inundate floodplains, which are important habitat for juvenile salmon and fish, and for there to be better snowmelt management, with fewer water intensive crops. Water use in the Hetch Hetchy area decreased by 30% between 2006 and 2016 as a result of water conservation, and I believe that by working together and thinking differently we could see similar great results here.

Please work to ensure that water use management protects our natural environment for years to come.

Thank you for the chance to send this comment,

Elizabeth McMunn-Tetangco

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