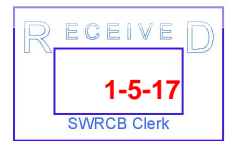


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Dear Water Board Members,

I strongly support the Bay Delta Plan, which calls for higher unimpaired flows of at least 40% from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced and lower San Joaquin Rivers to the Bay-Delta. It is absolutely necessary that we protect our natural environment.

I've read that the SFPUC is opposed to this measure and claims that we, SFPUC customers, will see a 42% reduction in water allocation during drought years. I expect that we WILL face some cutbacks in our water allocation but believe their calculations are off, as shown by the Tuolumne River Trust. The recent drought has shown that cities can cut back on water use without great harm to our economy. 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.

As individuals, cities and farms, we can all do our part to “Make every drop count” and protect our beautiful rivers - an important but perishable part of our ecosystem and, our children’s birthright.

Sincerely yours,
Esther Nigenda