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Dear Clerk to the Board Townsend,

This letter is to insure you are aware that anglers strongly support the adoption of revised water quality standards for the lower San Joaquin River watershed, standards that are sufficient to protect fisheries and water quality. Specifically, a minimum of 60% flow, as I understand it, is needed to recover the depleted salmon and steelhead fisheries that exist there now. This is about the lowest acceptable flow level if these fish are to survive.

And, consider the benefits all Californians receive from healthy fisheries and river ecosystems, as well as the specific requirements of fisheries and anglers. And with enhanced water flow in the lower San Joaquin, there is really minimal impact to the agricultural sector.

As you know, the state has already tried or considered strategies for saving salmon and steelhead favored by large water users, none of which have been successful or proven practical. Our commercial salmon industry is on life support. We can't afford to experiment with strategies that don't include more water.

Please modify your current proposal and sufficiently boost flow standards for the lower San Joaquin River watershed to protect salmon and steelhead..

Respectfully submitted,

Sincerely,

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