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Ms. Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
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Subject: "Comment Letter – 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment and SED"

I strongly support the SWRCB proposal to require that flows in the Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and Merced Rivers be increased to at least 40% of unimpaired flows from February through June. The increased flows will much more closely imitate the natural variability of flows in San Joaquin River tributaries needed to support native fish like salmon and steelhead and for which they have evolved. The increased flows will also improve the water quality and temperature of the rivers.

I note that the Delta Flow Criteria Report concluded that requiring 60 percent of the unimpaired San Joaquin River inflow to the Delta from February through June is necessary to preserve a natural, variable river ecosystem to which native species are adapted and urge the Board to attempt to increase flows closer to this goal in the future.