

Comment Letter - 2016 Bay Delta Plan Amendment & SED

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Water Resources Control Board,

I am an interested citizen living in the bay area who cares very much about the health of the San Francisco Bay - its waters and its wetlands. I have learned over the past several years that healthy wetlands support aquatic diversity and protect our shoreline in times of increased flow from the bay and rising sea levels. Increasing the unimpaired flow of fresh water from the San Joaquin River to the Delta and the bay is an important part of improving and maintaining the health of the Bay.

In recent years I have learned about the importance of taking a holistic view of the environment that focuses on the sustainability of a complete ecosystem. I would like to see the Bay Delta Plan incorporate this knowledge. I understand that is the goal of the plan and that Board is working hard to balance the needs of an increased number of stakeholders – agriculture, cities, the fishing industry and the river 's ecosystem.

All of these stakeholders are important. Historically agriculture and cities were the main recipients of San Joaquin water. Now that there have been numerous scientific studies about the decline of the salmon and the importance of wetlands the river's health and the fishing industry should be included in the plan. According to the studies half of the natural flow making it to the Bay would go a long way toward salmon recovery and wetland health. I urge you to implement the option of a 50% unimpaired flow for the San Joaquin River.

Regards,

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