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**Subject:** California State Water Redirect Proposal

## State Water Control Board:

I am writing as a resident of the Central Valley and am opposed to the Water Board's proposal to redirect 40% of the water from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers in the "hope" it will expand Salmon populations.

The San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced counties are among the poorest in the state, and the economic damages to our region will be substantial and consequential. The central valley is forgotten when it comes to policy makers in Sacramento. Agriculture in particular is under constant attack from lawmakers and special interest groups that seek to destroy and undermine the valley's agriculture.

Central Valley Agriculture feeds the state. our nation, and the world. We cannot be so short sighted and blind to the consequences of destroying valley agriculture.

It's disingenuous to suggest that increased flow to the Delta will increase Salmon populations. There's plenty of peer-reviewed research data available that suggests Salmon thrive better in flows of 700 cubic feet per second not the 5000-10000 cfs demanded by governmental scientists.

The Delta needs to be fixed, but it should start with fisheries management techniques available which suggest Salmon numbers are more the result of introduced Striped Bass than water flows.

We are not so naive to believe that this water diversion is about Salmon. It is clear it's about diverting water south to Los Angeles.

The Water Board must be held accountable for playing politics with valley water.

Decisions must be unbiased with Economic and Environmental Impact statements done by independent evaluators.

The people of the Central Valley need representation in Sacramento and are tired of the incessant attack on agriculture and disregard for the people which live and work here.

I for one will stand up and be counted among those who believe this water policy is contrived, short sighted, deceiving, economically and environmentally damaging.

I OPPOSE the Water Board's policy to redirect water from the Central Valley's rivers.

Respectfully,

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