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To: LSJR-SD-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov; WQCP1Comments
Subject: Comment Letter – Revisions to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Amendments.
Attachments: State Water Board 07262018.pdf

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Cynthia Neuwalder and I've been a resident of California, since moving to the West Coast in Jan 2000. It is with interest and concern that I have been following the Bay Delta Water Quality Control Plan for the Lower San Joaquin River and Southern Delta.

I've been reading articles, comments, letters regarding The Plan and it's disappointing to see that there is a lot of misinformation being disseminated to the public. I don't know if it's because we live in an age of "alternative truths" or that industry is paying so much money to lobbying firms to sway policymakers to divert attention from science, facts, and environmental issues.

Why is The Plan important to me? Actually, it's important to me and everyone in California who loves our beautiful state and wants to see wildlife thrive. All California's residents benefit from having healthy waters, the wildlife it attracts and supports, to maintain a balanced, thriving environment. By restricting (already reduced) waterflow we will continue to see our fish populations decline, water sports like rafting and canoeing decline, and wildlife (birds, rodents, etc.) that depend on fish and water be negatively impacted. Our tourism/recreation trade will also be impacted.

Recall that the State Water Board has a responsibility that requires that:

> *The owner of any dam shall allow sufficient water at all times to pass through a fishway, or in the absence of a fishway, allow sufficient water to pass over, around or through the dam, to keep in good condition any fish that may be planted or exist below the dam. CA Fish and Game Code 5927*

Also, the State Water Board determined, in 2010, that to protect native fish in San Joaquin River basin 60% of unimpaired flow between Feb and June was necessary. Reducing the flow to 40% is counter to what the Board already determined… There isn't any scientific data (at least not that I am aware of) that shows that further reducing the flow will NOT impact the environment and everyone in California.

In addition to further impacting the environment, reducing the already low water flow will:

- Impact commercial salmon fishing
- Increase salinity in the SF Bay and increase in toxic algae, since we've had low precipitation…we need that flow from Central Valley to the Bay
- Impact the migration of fish and birds

I propose NO PROJECT ALTERNATIVE. We need to think and base decisions on facts…not on industries who lobby to change our environment to benefit just a few. Our California nature and waters are precious. Please, let's not ruin them more.

Thank you for your consideration. Please…do the right thing… for me, for you, for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Cynthia M. Neuwalder