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To: LSJR-SD-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov; WQCP1Comments
Subject: Water Diversions from Merced County

We live in outside of Atwater in Merced County and raise our two kids here.

We are very concerned about the water diversions from the area hurting the future of our businesses and water supply.

Our well water is our drinking water at home. Taking away more surface water could hurt water quality and availability at home.

We grow almonds almonds on 85 acres, and also free range poultry are raised on our farm by another family. SIGMA has presented large challenges, some of which we hope can be taken care of by using more surface water and less groundwater on various parcels. By taking away a large amount of surface water, you would not leave us with much potential solutions to the SIGMA challenges, and potentially end our family farm's future. Even without the new proposed increased river flows, SIGMA will be very challenging and a lot of farmland will likely cease to be farmed. But the two laws together will likely be devastating to the entire area. So much of the local economy depends on farming and ag related industries.

Please re-consider the proposed changes and work with our region to find other solutions for the fish and the water supplies.

Sincerely,
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