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**Subject:** Comment Letter on Revision to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Admendments

Janine Townsend

Clerk of the Board

Dear Ms. Townsend:

This letter is in support of the California Water Board's proposal to increase the water flows on the Tuolumne, Merced and Stanislaus rivers during the period from February to June each year to enhance water quality, fish migration and spawning. It has been far too long that special water interests have eroded the quality of California's rivers and lakes, and unfortunately they want to continue doing so. Now is an opportunity to overcome past failures with our water management programs and to save not only the fish habitat but to strengthen the Bay Delta by increasing water flow.

In reading recent newspaper articles, The Nature Conservancy, Yosemite Conservancy and other like minded publications, we have learned that salmon, steelhead and other species of wildlife that rely on many of our rivers and streams will be unable to survive under current conditions. We cannot let this happen. The proposed "Plan" of increasing the flows on these rivers by 40% is a very good start. We can see the positive results this proposal will bring. Perhaps water flows can increase in the future to enhance the benefits even more, without doing any harm to downstream water users. After all, if the increased flows during the 5 months proposed is only 40% of the total anticipated. Then agriculture, industry and other users still obtain 60% of all the water. Sounds like a "Win/Win" plan to us.

The Board's proposal addresses a vital need to have and maintain healthy river systems for our fish, wildlife and those of us who enjoy the great natural resources of this wonderful country.

We support the State Water Boards' proposal to increase water flows.

Respectfully Submitted

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