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Subject: Bay-Delta Plan

To the State Water Board:

I am a resident of Modesto and I would like to register my strong opposition to your final draft Bay-Delta Plan. To the extent that you intend to require 40% unimpaired flows to the Delta out of the Merced, Stanislaus and Tuolumne Rivers, you are intentionally damaging the economy and population in the Central Valley, in exchange for dubious benefits to the Delta. Your scientific justification for the pending decision is shaky to say the least. There is little evidence that this requirement will do anything to improve the ecosystem of the Delta. For example, the biggest danger to the salmon is non-native predatory species, rather than a lack of fresh water. This has been proven beyond any shadow of a doubt.

Moreover, your plan does nothing to stop the influx of warm and treated sewer water that flows into the Delta in large quantities.

Your plan also does nothing to generate any additional water that could be used for environmental, urban or agricultural issues. If the State would concentrate on developing significant additional storage thus expanding the supply of water, that could enable you to achieve some of your goals, however misguided they might be, without imposing significant damage and hardship on the existing population of the Central Valley.

The damage to the Central Valley farm economy will be immense and immediate, and you have apparently done no cost-benefit analysis. In exchange for questionable benefits to fish, you are intentionally harming the population of a large swath of the state. On top of everything else, you seem to be trampling on long-established water rights. You take advantage of the dams that were built and paid for by those rights holders, while stripping them of many of the benefits of the rights and the dams.

Please stop this insanity before it proceeds any further.

Thanks, Mark Jensen

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