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Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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Subject: Comment Letter – 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED

Dear Ms Marcus and members of the State Water Resources Control Board,

Ag Link is a produce distributor located in Ballico, CA (Northern Merced County). We have 12 employees and supply California grown fruits and veggies to school food service throughout California. We distribute over 20 million pieces of CA fruit/veggies to school children annually!

Ag Link is very concerned with your Draft Revised Substitute Environmental Document (SED) supporting Phase 1 of the Board's Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. If approved, your proposal requiring the Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus rivers to dedicate 40 percent of unimpaired flow to fish and wildlife would cause irreversible harm to our region.

The Revised SED will not only financially harm our region's farmers, manufacturers and businesses, but it will directly harm organizations like ours who rely on ag-commerce throughout the central valley. We are an agriculturally based community; when actions are taken that directly harm the largest economic sector in the region, ALL businesses in the region will be directly impacted.

Beyond devastating our community by demanding 40 percent unimpaired flows from February 1st- June 30th annually, your staff is proposing taking over control of our locally paid for, built and operated Don Pedro Reservoir. Don Pedro was built specifically to allow our community to survive a prolonged drought, similar to the one we are currently in, but the Revised SED now limits the amount of water available to our community.

Please consider the devastating impact your Revised SED will have on all businesses within our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jana Nairn".

Jana Nairn, CEO
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