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To all executive directors of California Waterboards,

Here is a poem I wrote on behalf of the Garcia river(point arena, CA)which is known to us bokeya Pomo as "p'da hau"-river mouth:

"P'da hau"

"Natural Springs of fresh water gushing to the top soil of the bokeya pomo people,
Rain water running down the basin giving life to trees, plants and animals;
which is respected as beings of equal,
with tule elk roaming through the redwood forest free of obliteration and evil.
Salmon spawning by the hundreds within streams flowing between numerous trees,
flowers blooming giving nourishment to insects and bees,
women gathering willow and sedge root while they sing in harmony.
From the ocean to the headwaters, wild game plentiful with no fear of starvation,
Relatives from clear "k'aa-ba'té"(clear lake) traveling from the east to trade obsidian for
seafood and shells; a form of Commerce to survive as a nation,
ancestors having ceremony giving thanks to the spirits and creation,
everyone around the fire praying as their hearts filled with jubilation.
Upriver where grandma's grinding acorn with mortar and pestle stones,
Living in tranquility to where we never worked alone,
for it was our way of life to be the stewards of a place we call home."

Respectfully,
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