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**Subject:** Water Board - "Stop the Regulatory Drought"

**Importance:** High

Dear Members of the State Water Resources Control Board,

I am writing in regard to your plan to take hundreds of thousands of acre-feet from North Valley rivers. Despite thousands of comments on the draft, you have made minimal changes and are still planning to double the amount of water taken from our rivers. If adopted, this will devastate our economy and our way of life. If allowed this will be looked back as the single most devastating act to our way of life by a politically appointed committee in our state's history.

The question is Why are you doing this? It appears you feel more water is needed to save salmon and to keep salt from ruining the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. However, peer-reviewed studies have shown that salmon prefer lighter flows, not the proposed massive floods. Our local irrigation districts and communities have already made excellent strides in helping more salmon survive and they are doing more each year. Thousands of juvenile salmon leave our rivers only to be eaten by Delta bass. Furthermore, no amount of water from our rivers can make up for the billions of gallons the state is planning to suck away from the Delta through its twin tunnels, pulling in more salt. Simply put, the Delta is broken with its water being pumped south never to carry fish to the ocean.

Bay Area residents will lose as much as us valley residents will and they just don't yet know it yet. Modesto and Turlock irrigation districts share the Tuolumne River with San Francisco, which taps the river's headwaters in Yosemite. That water is used by 1.7 million people and 40,000 businesses. While losses in Merced, Stanislaus and southern San Joaquin counties are likely to top \$1 billion each year, far more will be lost when San Francisco is forced to give up a significant portion of its Tuolumne flows.

I hope you exercise common sense and think about the impact your decisions have on Valley residents whose voice seem to mostly go unheard. Please remember that you were appointed to represent the people of California and you should not be influenced by special interests nor a political party.

Best Regards,

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