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State Water Resources Control Board Members:

I am a landowner in the Glenn-Colusa Irrigation District in Northern California. My family farm was purchased by my grandmother (a single immigrant mother) in 1945. Rice as well as tomatoes and other row crops were grown in 2015 and will be planted when the 2016 growing season is underway.

I consider myself a practical environmentalist. I believe it's important for agencies, individuals and government to work together to manage our precious natural resources, including water. As you know the Sacramento River Settlement Contractors hold the most senior rights on the Sacramento River. During critical years, farmers and landowners will continue to help conserve storage as we have in the past.

If diversions are not available until late May or early June, agriculture would be severely affected, indeed it would prevent crops from being planted, and cause hardships to farming operations throughout the valley. It would violate the spirit if not the letter of the settlement agreements with the Bureau of Reclamation.

It appears as though there will be enough water this year to make a late diversion unnecessary, however as TMPs for 2016 and beyond are being drafted and implemented it is my sincere hope that you take agricultural interests into account.

Sincerely,

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