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To State Water Resources Control Board:
 RE: Water Board Proposal to Up river flows
 in Stanislaus Turbomine & Merced to 40%
 of Unimpaired flow.

Sirs:

As a California resident & voter for more than 55 years, who has traveled a lot around the state's natural protected areas of rivers and mountains, I strongly support your plan to increase water flows in 3 (three) major rivers that come down from the central Sierra to feed into the SF Bay Delta. These rivers are very important for wildlife - especially fish -- many species of which the best known are probably the Salmon and steelhead - absolute require at least such

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flows to sustain healthy populations. Having more than 40% flow would be valuable & even better for these fish, but I realize there are many other demands for this too-scarce water & a compromise must be made - with your proposal - agri. - culture & industry will still have satisfactory & adequate water.

Water in California will always be a troublesome issue. Especially in a warming climate with more droughts (and more people in the state) so it is ever more important for the water board to stand firm and assure that water users who cannot speak up themselves (the fish!) have their needs cared for.

Time & again, driving through Oakdale on my way to Yosemite, or passing the Don Pedro Reservoir or enjoying the Merced in and below Yosemite I have thrilled to the sight of these three rivers. People, too, in our state's important recreational uses, need a good flow in these rivers!

In addition, a sufficient flow is

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essential to assure low enough water temperature for healthy fish - too little flow and the water quickly becomes too warm.

Your July 6th plan calls for these flows from February to June. This is exactly the time of year when the salmon and steelhead need it the most. Other aspects of overall water quality are also helped by adequate river flows.

When driving on Rte 152 from Los Banos toward Fresno, I have been shocked and dismayed to see the San Joaquin River totally dry. This must not happen in the three major northern rivers that are

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covered in your good proposal. Please keep it up - assure the proposal is implemented as planned & please do NOT let it be watered down.

[so to speak].

The water quality is important both in the San, Tuolumne, & Merced themselves as well as in the Delta.

Thank you for this proposal.
And thank you for considering my views.

Sincerely,

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