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RE: water releases

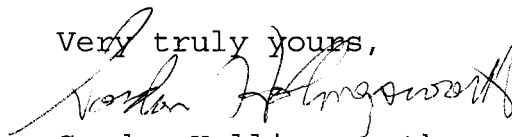
To Whom It May Concern:

I recently received a mailing from my Assemblywoman, Kristin Olsen, concerning a proposal to dedicate additional water from the Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus Rivers for environmental purposes. The mailing was devoid of any meaningful discussion, but did note that "This means that 35 percent of snowmelt and rainfall will flow out to the ocean and not be available for local use".

I am shocked! With the Delta smelt on the verge of extinction, and the local salmon runs in serious decline, it is obvious that the existing water releases for environmental preservation are wholly inadequate. Flow releases should be increased substantially.

I am not the least bit sympathetic to farmers without a renewable water supply who plant trees during a drought. Our society, and our environment, should not have to pay for their mistakes.

Very truly yours,



Gordon Hollingsworth