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**Subject:** Not a good decision on many levels

## Water Board,

Increasing unimpaired flows on the Stanislaus River will have a severe negative impact on agriculture. This area produces much of the nation's food. Lack of water not only will affect the area locally in lost production for the farmers & lost jobs, but could also cause increases in prices for everyone.

My city of 6,000+ is basically one big orchard. It could be devastating to areas like this that are totally dependent on what they grow. Also, after so many years of severe drought, the groundwater is low. People around here had wells go dry last year. Having to pump water to make up for what is lost from the rivers is not a good option.

It's just a bad idea for many reasons and will cause more hardship in an area already dealing with severe drought.

Thank you for listening.

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