



Burroughs
Family
Orchards

Public Comment
2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED
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Felicia Marcus, Chair

State Water Resources Control Board

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Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

Subject: Comment Letter – 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED

Dear Ms Marcus and members of the State Water Resources Control Board,

Burroughs Family Orchards is a family owned almond and olive oil company located in Eastside Water District, north of Atwater and east of Turlock. Our business employs and provides a living for 15 employees and their families that live in the Merced/Stanslaus area.

Burroughs Family Orchards is very concerned with your Draft Revised Substitute Environmental Document (SED) supporting Phase 1 of the Board's Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan. If approved, your proposal

requiring the Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus rivers to dedicate 40 percent of unimpaired flow to fish and wildlife would cause irreversible harm to our region.

The Revised SED will not only financially harm our region's farmers, manufacturers and businesses, but it will directly harm organizations like ours who rely on ag-commerce throughout the central valley.

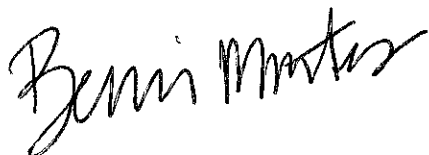
We are an agriculturally based community; when actions are taken that directly harm the largest economic sector in the region, ALL businesses and people in the region will be directly impacted.

Beyond devastating our community by demanding 40 percent unimpaired flows from February 1st- June 30th annually, your staff is proposing taking over control of our locally paid for, built and operated Don

Pedro Reservoir. Don Pedro was built specifically to allow our community to survive a prolonged drought, similar to the one we are currently in, but the Revised SED now limits the amount of water available to our community.

Please consider the devastating impact your Revised SED will have on all businesses within our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benina Montes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Benina Montes, Partner

cc: Frances Spivy-Weber, Vice Chair

Tam Doduc, Board Member

Steven Moore, Board Member

Dorene D'Adamo, Board Member