



# City of Ripon

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**Public Comment**  
**2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED**  
**Deadline: 3/17/17 12:00 noon**



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Ms. Felicia Marcus, Chair of the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

The City of Ripon has strong concerns with the conclusions in the draft Substitute Environmental Document (SED) for the proposed Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan).

Like most communities in our region, Ripon relies solely on groundwater to serve drinking water to a population of over 15,000 residents through approximately 6,000 water service connections. This groundwater is a diminishing resource that is subject to overdraft and declining water quality and the SED conclusions further jeopardize our water source.

The state's proposal hypocritically suggests that farmers will make up for lost access to surface water by pumping more from already overstressed aquifers. That makes no sense, especially at a time when the Legislature already has demanded local entities form Groundwater Sustainability Agencies and develop Groundwater Sustainability Plans. Ripon resides in the East San Joaquin Subbasin, a groundwater subbasin that California Department of Water Resources has defined as critically overdrafted. Any additional impact to surface water resources anticipated by the SED will only exacerbate the current state of groundwater in our region.

The "significant but unavoidable impact" cited in the Plan's "Groundwater Resources" chapter as of the results of its implementation cannot be dismissed. I encourage you to convene a meeting with local water resources managers, local agency staff, and local elected officials to work on common sense solutions to our water resource challenges.

Sincerely,

Dean Uecker, Mayor

Cc: Vice Mayor Mike Restuccia  
Councilmember Leo Zuber  
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