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I have several questions for the California Water Board or whom ever is responsible for the current plans for water releases for Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced rivers. I would like you to address each and ever item listed below.

1. Many property owners along the Stanislaus river are now having to re-drill or drill new wells due to lowering water level in the area aquifer. This is due to pumping for new orchards being planted in the Oakdale, Knights Ferry area. As I live in this area how is your plan of going to help mitigated the over drafting of the water table? How are increased flows going to replenish water aquifers?

2. How are increased water flows going mitigate or replenish any aquifers fed the rivers (Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced) within plan?

3. I can not locate or find an environmental impact study within your plan for increased flows. Have you done one, if not why not? If any environmental impact study exists will it address my and all others concerns? If not I be-leave it to be dreamed necessary for such a radical change in water flows on the three rivers.

4 I noticed the the head waters of the San Joaquin river is not part of your cited plan of increased flows, why not?

5. I noticed that all tributaries in the San Joaquin river system were not include within your plan other than three for cited rivers, why? Nor were tributaries into the three cited rivers not include within your plan, why are you excluding? Again no environmental impact study addressing the total river and the delta as a whole, why not?

6 How or what environmental impact study did you use to determine the water flows on each river and or tributary as planed in your proposal?

7 I see nothing within the plan that accounts or address the twin tunnel project proposal by the Governor of California, as you are also a state body why have not included this in your proposal?

8 I see nothing that address no-native species within the 3 rivers in your plan let alone any of the rivers within California, as a concerned environment body why is this so?

9 If mitigation of environmental concerns for the survival of native salmon is the goal,your plan chooses not to considered other way of restoration of species, why?

- Fish ladders on all dams or other means for salmon to have access to the head waters or traditional spawning areas.
- Fish hatcheries on all rivers within your plan in order to preserve each rivers natural native sub-specie of salmon. Right now this is not happening as salmon fry are trucked between river systems.

10 Why is the water drafted by the city and county of San Francisco (Hetch Hetchy) on the

Stanislaus river basin not part of your plan?

11. Why as a board do you chose not to consider existing water rights, may of which are over a 100 years old?

12. Why as a board do you chose to not consider the federal licenses granted to each agency operating the dams on the rivers?

13. The federal license to operate the dams and the water rights in each river basin dictate total water flow within each river system. Not a non-elected board such as your self's, how do you as a body justify your actions and purposed plans? Especially seeing as no environmental impact study has ever been done for your plan.

Thank you for time in advance answering all of my questions.

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