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State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
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Attention: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board

Re: 2016 Bay Delta Plan Amendment & SED Comments

Ladies and Gentlemen:

California Wildlife Foundation is a state-wide nonprofit organization dedicated to working with public agencies, business and other nongovernmental organizations to ensure sustainable wildlife habitat, healthy watersheds and waterways, and a livable climate.

Because the Bay-Delta is the largest estuary on the West Coast with more than 500 species' survival at stake, it seems critical that the Board's Plan ensure at least one-half of the flows from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, Merced and lower San Joaquin Rivers end up in the Bay-Delta.

In addition to providing migrating birds a resting place, the Bay Delta allows salmon, steelhead and sturgeon to travel between home streams and the Pacific Ocean.

It isn't only wildlife and our important fishery that are at stake in your planning. Small businesses throughout the region are threatened by non-science-based management of natural resources that are the foundation of these enterprises. Making this critical connection clear to the public should be a major factor in these deliberations and roll out of the final plan.

California's citizens benefit on so many levels from its waters being considered a public trust resource.

Thank you for your efforts to balance the many competing interests for that important resource. People can speak up for their needs and wants; the wildlife and their critical habitat are counting on you to give them equal consideration though they cannot come to the microphone to make their case.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Janet Cobb". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Janet S. Cobb, Executive Officer