

TO: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board

Re: Comment Letter – Revisions to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Amendments

07/24/18

Dear Ms. Townsend,

If you ask a reasonable person, with no revenue at stake, how much of a river should be taken by irrigation districts and utility districts, what answer do you think they might give? Would they say, "Let them take 79% of the river on an annual basis and up to 90% or more on a daily basis."? Would you also expect them to say, "It's fine to give those who stand to make revenue from diverting water full control, and it's great if amount they take is shrouded in secrecy."? (See <http://cdec.water.ca.gov/river/tuol2Stages.html> , which has had blank graphs for the flows diverted by TID and MID for years.)

This sounds absurd, yet it's exactly what is being done to the Tuolumne River. This spring and summer, the lower Tuolumne has been left at or below 100 cfs during parts of the critical salmonid outmigration months. During much of this time, the basin has been producing at least 10 times this amount of water, yet somehow it's too shallow and slow to comfortably float in a canoe or innertube.

It's time to stop asking the ID's and UD's how much they should be allowed to take. We know that revenues drive them and their "scientists" to answer the same way, over and over. The river does not belong to them. It belongs to me and you and all of us. I speak for reasonable people when I say, "Half. You can have half of it on a real-time basis"

If you vote to do nothing (Alternative 1) you will be part of the same problem that allowed the Kern, Kings, Tule, White, Fresno, San Joaquin, and other rivers to be dried up completely. I urge you to vote for Alternative 4, but certainly not less than Alternative 3.

Sincerely,  
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Dear Water Board,

Comments attached.

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