



Attn: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board
Executive Office
State Water Resources Control Board

I strongly disapprove of the Boards decision to increase water exports out of the Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and Merced rivers from February 1 to June 30 each year – the worst time possible. Since the increased flows would occur in the spring, it would mean less water in our reservoirs each summer when we need it most. The human impact would be tremendous and far too much for our already struggling region to bear. Besides turning even more agricultural fields into dust bowls, it would put hundreds, if not thousands, of people out of work and significantly raise water rates. Unfortunately, such facts seem to elude the Board. It even fails to include solid scientific evidence explaining how its action would help the state. The lack of rain this winter is certainly not helping our state and we all must do our part to conserve the water we do have. But the water crisis we are now in is mostly man-made. We know that without water, agriculture and future generations will have little hope for economic prosperity here in the Valley. Again I strongly disapprove of this decision and encourage the Board to reverse this proposal that would create an “unavoidable and significant” impact on our valley.

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