



The State Water Resources Control Board decision to increase water flows from the Tuolumne, Stanislaus and Merced rivers during the months of February through April will short change the needed water that agricultural producers will need in the summer months. Agriculture is the one vibrant economic source in the Central Valley and this export of water resources away from agricultural producers will increase unemployment in our area. The Central Valley is currently experiencing higher unemployment rates than the state average. This misdirection of water away from agricultural sources will continue to keep unemployment rates in the Central Valley. Your board needs to rethink this decision.

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