



Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

I urge you to make the necessary moves to assure that the Bay Delta watershed has adequate instream flow. The scientific community has put that at 60% of unimpaired flows, so that is the number to go with.

This can be accomplished by setting a per acre limit on the amount of water that can be used in agricultural usage, and a per household limit on the amount of water that can be used. This can be accomplished under the "reasonable use" doctrine of water law.

You have an opportunity to restore a rare environmental asset. California can be a model for the rest of the country and the world, and show that a prosperous, urbanized region can still have a strong, vibrant natural environment.

Sincerely yours,

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