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Dear Ms. Townsend and Members of the Board,

As a private citizen of California, I write to express my concern for the State Water Board's consideration to require only 35% of unimpaired flows for the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers. I strongly encourage the Water Board to recommend that at least half of the San Joaquin River's natural flow should reach the Delta during the first six months of each year.

The Water Board's report, "*Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem*," clearly states that 60% of unimpaired flow is needed to fully protect fish and wildlife in the lower San Joaquin River and its three major tributaries. Given this, I am alarmed by the proposed 35% of unimpaired flows and the impact this would have on fish, wildlife, water quality, recreational opportunities, and salmon fisheries.

I understand the importance of agriculture and urban uses, but believe both goals can be accomplished simultaneously. Through better management of snowmelt, water efficient irrigation practices, and replacing lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops, we could grow more food with less water.

It is critical to Californians now and to future generations that our rivers and wildlife are not killed by the withdrawal and diversion of too much water.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sherry Flumerfelt