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July 15, 2015

Felicia Marcus
Board Chairwoman
State Water Resources Control Board
P.O. Box 100
Sacramento, CA 95812-0100

Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

Recently, I have received copies of a number of letters from local stakeholders who have written to you with serious concerns regarding the Substitute Environmental Document to the Bay-Delta Plan and how it will affect our area. As you know, I share their concerns. I have been very concerned with the impact of increased flows on our groundwater, which I raised during discussions about groundwater legislation last term.

To date, your Board has not explained what the "significant, but unavoidable" consequences to our area will be if the Plan is implemented as currently drafted. The letters you have now received and the conversations that I have had with stakeholders in the district demonstrate that this is an issue that goes beyond fish and farmers. It affects our students, our businesses, and our general quality of life.

I ask that you consider directing your staff and/or consultants to participate in meetings or a series of meetings with local groundwater managers for our cities, counties, and schools. I will be happy to help facilitate those meetings. I do not envision large public hearings, but rather technical discussions between your experts and our local experts, so that we can try to come to an agreement upon the facts and dimensions of the problem.

I will look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A. Gray".

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cc: Steven E. Gomes, Ed.D, Superintendent of School, Merced County
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