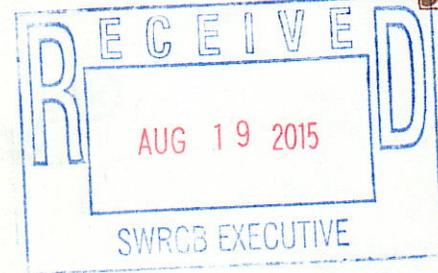




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Felicia Marcus, Board Chairwoman
State Water Resources Control Board
Post Office Box 100
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Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

I write to you as the Site Supervisor for the Modesto office of El Concilio. El Concilio is a non-profit community based organization whose goal is improving the quality of life of Latinos and other underserved communities in the Central Valley of California.

As you know, water is an integral element of quality of life for citizens of the Central Valley. Our community's health and economic viability depends in large part upon sound water policy and being secure in the quality of our drinking water.

Your substitute environmental document to the Bay-Delta Plan gives us reason to be concerned about the quality of life of Latinos and other underserved communities in our area. Specifically, the draft states that your planned diversion of water from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced rivers will have "significant, but unavoidable" impacts to our region. Unfortunately, however, there is neither an explanation of those impacts nor a proposal to address them in your plan.

We have no doubt that your current plan will have a negative effect on Latino residents of our region. In the absence of more information from your Board, it is impossible for El Concilio and other non-profit organizations to understand and prepare for those effects.

I encourage you to engage with us so that you can fully appreciate how your plan will impact Latinos in the Central Valley and so that we may understand the impacts that you consider to be "significant, but unavoidable."

Thank you for your time. I look forward to your response.

Best regards,

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