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**Sent:** Tuesday, June 23, 2015 9:39 PM  
**To:** Townsend, Jeanine@Waterboards  
**Subject:** June 24, 2015 hearing

Please read my attached letter.

Thank you,

Carol Etcheverry

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Attached:

June 22, 2015

State Water Resources Control Board  
Jeanine Townsend and all Board Members  
P.O. Box 100  
Sacramento, CA 95812  
Fax: 916-341-5620

RE: Central Valley Project (CVP) Operations and Temperature Management Plan

Dear Ms. Townsend:

I am a concerned farmer in California who has been dealt major blows towards my business because of the mismanagement of our water system by this board. When you were appointed to the State Water Resources Control Board you stated that you wanted to work with all sides involved to get the water to where it is needed. Well you have not done your part. You have only made matters worse and have divided the water according to your liking instead of the betterment of the entire state of California.

As you know, California is in the grip of an extraordinary drought. Cities, families, farms and the environment are all at considerable risk. The potential for economic, social and environmental catastrophe is great. Decisions that will be made during this summer and fall are critical to all stakeholders.

During the past three weeks, there has been a robust, multi-disciplinary planning effort, the objective of which is to ensure listed fisheries are protected while also protecting water users and south of Delta refuges from catastrophic losses. Senior management, biologists and staff from National Marine Fisheries Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Ca Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the US Department of Reclamation have been directly engaged in the development of this plan (Plan). The Plan will guide operations for both the State and Federal water projects for the balance of this year. You did not have a good representation of agriculture representatives, yet you say this was in agreement with all parties concerned.

The following are central elements of the proposed Plan:

- Management of in-stream water temperatures to protect threatened and endangered fish species. These fish will be at risk regardless if you release the water and allow it to flush out to the ocean instead of allowing it to continue on its course to the stakeholders who have purchased this water to irrigate their crops, or continue to store it in Shasta until the timing is right to deliver to the growers who have made monetary sacrifices to obtain this water.
- Borrowing of water supplies already purchased and allocated to water users in order to accomplish temperature objectives and timely water deliveries. I don't feel that the return of our water will be a consideration as the farmers and communities that rely on the water are being placed behind the fish.
- Fall releases of the borrowed water to meet the needs of urban, agricultural and refuges located south of the Delta.

As a south of Delta water user, we are almost entirely dependent on timely return of the borrowed water which we have already purchased at tremendous expense. Failure to implement this part of the Plan would have tragic economic and social consequences. I understand the need to borrow our water to successfully implement the Plan but it would be cruel and unfair if that precious supply is not returned once it has served its fishery purposes, as proposed in the Plan. I urge the Board and regulatory agencies to implement the entire Plan and avoid any temptation to repurpose the critical fall Shasta water releases later in the year. We have paid for this water and are dependent on its timely delivery to meet critical needs.

All stakeholders cannot survive another unraveling of the Plan! The worst outcome imaginable is the adaptive management process causes high mortality of the salmon and the water users.

Sincerely,  
Maurice and Carol Etcheverry

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