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Governor Jerry Brown  
c/o State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Sacramento River Temperature Plan

Dear Governor Brown:

As I am sure you are aware, the United States Bureau of Reclamation has discovered an error in their calculations for the Temperature Management Plan for the Shasta Lake. This plan proposed by the state and federal agencies was carefully crafted with input from all the water users it would impact; from cities to industry to farmers and refugees, all were included.

Now, as alternatives are being developed in consultation between Reclamation and various government agencies, the water user community has been excluded from these discussions. The alternatives that will be presented to the State Water Resources Control Board need to have input from the water user districts and agencies. The choices that are made this year could have ripple effects for years to come and all the stakeholders need to be apart of the process.

We have already fallowed several hundred acres and planned our water budget down to the last drop. Our exclusion greatly concerns me, as some of the plans that were considered earlier in the year would have had even more dire consequences for my farm. Any proposed cuts going forward could constitute a significant economic loss, as well as a water loss in the fields we were able to plant and have irrigated based on the earlier plan that we would now have to abandon.

I understand and appreciate the responsibility that the Board feels toward the protection of the Sacramento winter-run salmon. Given that the temperature plan is not viable in the current situation and there is insufficient cold water to accomplish the temperature objectives, we are hopeful that the Board will adopt a new plan that will do what they can to protect salmon but not at the expense of farmers and other water users have already make innumerable sacrifices the last few years.

Sincerely,



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