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**Subject:** Restore and ensure the Delta's freshwater flow requirements (in Board order D-1641) for March and beyond

Dear members of the State Water Board,

As a second-generation native Californian, I have been concerned about our state's water supplies and our water-dependent species for many decades. (I am 63.)

Six officially imperiled species (two salmon, a migratory trout, two smelt, and a sturgeon) and many more that are not officially endangered depend on adequate freshwater flows from the rivers to our Bay and Estuary between March and May. These species are at or near all time population lows due to decades of habitat destruction and water diversion.

Please take immediate action to:

1. Restore the freshwater flow requirements in Board Order D-1641 for March and ensure that these flows are actually provided. (This is critical to the continued existence of several species and the general health of our San Francisco Bay Estuary.)
2. Reject new petitions seeking suspension of environmental protections for freshwater flows in March and April. (Substantial measures to conserve water in industry, agriculture, and municipal settings need to be implemented before any petitions should be accepted: California has not \*really\* implemented water conservation yet.)

Thank you for protecting the health of our Bay and Delta ecosystems with the only possible solution: adequate water.

Respectfully submitted,

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— Ann Strong — 1895