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Subject: Approval of petition from SSJ & Oakdale Irrigation Dists.

Dear Mr. Howard,

As a resident of Lake Tulloch, I implore you to approve the petition from the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts for a change from the current level of release of water from New Melones to the level the two Irrigation Districts have deemed appropriate given that we are in the fourth year of drought here in California. Any other action but approval on your part puts both Melones and Lake Tulloch in the dire circumstance of not having enough water for residents and farmers. It makes no sense to send water downstream for the sake of fish when humans will be very much harmed. The laws that were put into effect to "protect" the fish were written when there was no drought and circumstances were different. There is even speculation that the water flows do not even help the fish as they spawn. It is time to rethink the whole policy of the water releases for fish!

It is important to approve the petition from the two Irrigation Districts to save our water! People must come before fish!

Earnestly,
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