
From: Erik Johnson <menkjohnson@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 17, 2015 8:30 AM
To: Marcus, Felicia@Waterboards
Subject: Reinstate the Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan

Dear Chair Marcus,

My name is Erik Johnson and I am a small lemon grower in southern California. Loss of our orchard would be a catastrophic economic blow to our family to say the least. If loss occurred because of circumstances beyond anyone's control, then it would have to be, but if loss occurred due to a preventable situation, then that would be deplorable and unacceptable. It is critically important that the State Water Resources Control Board lift its suspension of the Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan. The Plan was agreed to in early May and farmers throughout the Central Valley are counting on that water for survival.

Agriculture in California is in peril. Where there were once communities surrounded by productive Ag land, there are now "dead zones." Land is being fallowed, permanent crops are being bulldozed, people are losing their jobs, and food bank lines are longer than they have ever been. Is this your California?

Farmers understand the need to protect our state's fish species, but in a situation as dire as the current drought, the water needs of tens of thousands of human beings matter as well.

We simply cannot continue to absorb significantly more water supply losses without severe impacts to people and communities. In today's drought conditions, every last drop of water counts. There is no room for politics. This Plan can provide the water agriculture and communities desperately need.

We need water. We need your help.

Sincerely,

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