From: Philip Ivancovich <pivancovich@msn.com>
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To: Marcus, Felicia@Waterboards
Subject: Reinstate the Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan

Dear Chair Marcus,

I grew up in the Central Valley in a Farming Family. My father-in-law has 500 acres of Citrus in the Porterville area. I currently sell packaging to farming operations that pack Citrus, stone fruit, grapes, kiwi, onions, potatoes, watermelon, pomegranates, persimmons, cucumbers, blueberries and more. The largest loser in this water shortage is the farmer by far; but, it also affects all the businesses that support it as well as the economy of every city in the surrounding are.

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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