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**From:** John Menne <johndmenne@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 16, 2015 8:26 AM  
**To:** Marcus, Felicia@Waterboards  
**Subject:** Reinstatement of the Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan

Dear Chair Marcus,

Hello. My name is John D. Menne and I am a 5th generation California farmer. Our family farming operations include citrus production all within California, including Ventura County and Tulare County. The drought has resulted in zero water allocation to our ranch in Tulare for the past 2 years, requiring us to purchase water on the open market at rates approximately 8 times higher than normal during 2014 and 2015. I am concerned we will run out of water this year, resulting in the death of our trees and a loss of a significant portion of our operations and investment.

I am a strong supporter of a balanced approach in successfully managing our environment with our industries in California including agriculture, as well as our residential needs. However, 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, including our family operation, are counting on that water to hopefully carry us through survival this year.

Agriculture in California is in peril. 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. This is NOT the California I envision for my two sons to carry on our long standing commitment to living and farming in California.

We 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 the water, and we need your strong leadership to make the tough decisions to strengthen, not weaken, California. Please consider our dire situation.

Respectfully,

Sincerely,

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