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State Water Resources Control Board
Mr. Tom Howard
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Dear Mr. Howard:

As the State Water Resources Control Board continues its deliberations on cuts beyond the originally projected 25% reduction we had been planning on to meet the Temperature Control Plans as submitted by the Bureau of Reclamation relating to the operations of the Central Valley Project, I would like you to take in the following considerations:

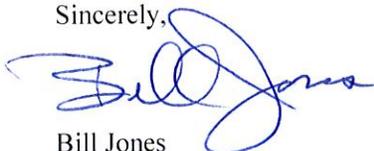
As a family farmer in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley, I rely on the coordinated efforts of the State of California and Reclamation to deliver a surface water supply. It allows me to farm, which provides jobs to our local economy as well as a stable food supply to the United States and the world.

I understand that the State is going through a tough hydrologic drought, but at the same time I have made operational, planting and cropping decisions based on the Bureau's monthly forecasts. Water and other resources have already been committed based on these forecasts with little to no notice of such drastic cuts now proposed by the Board. If the Board adopts a temperature plan that now reduces Delta pumping to zero from May through August it will have a detrimental effect on my operation, as I'm positive it will on economy of the central valley and have ripple effects through the US economy as a whole.

It is imperative that the Board gives full consideration and approval of Reclamation's preferred CVP operations plan related to cold-water management, Shasta releases, Delta pumping and the corresponding water allocations to various contractors. I understand the responsibility that the Board feels it has towards protection of the Winter Run Salmon as part of the operations plan. I think Reclamation has done a thorough job in putting forth a plan that reasonably protects fish while at the same time allocating water to various entities that allows us all to weather this past winter's unseasonably low precipitation.

Reclamation has our full support, as well as that of water districts and landowners up and down the state. This will allow some flexibility in the system for Municipal and Agricultural Districts in order to convey water for the benefit of all. I hope you can convince your board and the National Marine Fisheries Service to stand with us in a united front.

Sincerely,



Bill Jones
Owner/Manager

cc: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board: **PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO ALL STATE WATER**

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