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**To:** WateBoardsPublicAffairs, OPA@Waterboards

**Subject:** In support of Melones water plan

I am writing in support of the Melones water plan that has been agreed upon. As a resident of Knights Ferry, land owner on the Stanislaus River, and environmental enthusiast; the river and water conservation is at the forefront of my mind. Our agriculture here in the central valley is a cornerstone for our economy and many families lives depend on it. This compromise for the responsible water management and sensible conservation of our water is necessary for our fishery and agricultural needs. Our main concern is will we have storage left for next year? I must also state that the amount of new orchards that are being developed on the hill-sides here through-out Stanislaus County. The permits for these orchards should be reduced until we have water to support this growth. It is very concerning to think about the ground water that is being displaced to support these new orchards on hills that were never irrigated (winter grazing pastures).

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