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

In the near future, the State Water Resources Control Board will move forward to review the Sacramento River Temperature Control Plans as submitted by the Bureau of Reclamation relating to the operations of the Central Valley Projects. I understand that the State is going through very complex problems with the drought, but at the same time our elected and appointed officials must make sound and logical decisions based on the facts.

I am a family farmer in the San Joaquin Valley and I have made operational, planting, and crop decisions based on the Bureau's monthly forecasts. If the Board adopts a temperature plan that now reduces Delta pumping to zero from May through August, it will devastate and bankrupt my operation. It will also devastate the entire central valley. I rely on the coordinated efforts of the State of California and Reclamation to deliver a surface water supply that allows me to farm which, in turn, provides jobs to help boost our local economy. Farming in the San Joaquin Valley provides a very large portion of the food and fiber for our nation.

It is imperative that the Board give full consideration and approval of the Reclamation's preferred CVP operations plan related to cold water management, including Shasta releases, Delta pumping, and the corresponding water allocations to various contractors. I understand the responsibility 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, allocates water to various entities that allows food to be grown, and the economy to survive through another tough year.

Reclamation has the full support of water districts, and landowners, up and down the

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State. To get through this year, Reclamation's proposal 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 to stand with us in a united front.

Sincerely,



Mike O'Banion  
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