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Subject: Restore flows to San Francisco Bay to prevent species extinctions

Dear State Water Resources Control Board members,

I am writing to urge you to reverse your decision to suspend the March requirements for inflows to San Francisco Bay, and to weaken limits on exports. The required flows are critical to the continued existence of Delta smelt, winter-run Chinook salmon and other species and must be provided for the rest of March and on through the ecologically important spring period. Please reject any request to suspend the flow requirements and export limits for April and May 2015, and give the endangered species of the Bay-Delta estuary their last, best chance for survival.

Drought creates difficult choices, but we must remember that we have caused these precipitous declines in fish populations through mis-management over the last 150 years. The Water Board is the steward for these fish. Let's make the choice FOR the environment instead of justifying that what we take is necessary for agriculture and human needs. There are more resources and safety nets for people, while the fishes have few safety nets left... let's not pull inflow requirement out from under them.

Sincerely,

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