

June 8, 2015

State Water Resources Control Board

Chairwoman Felicia Marcus and all Board Members

P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812

Fax: 916-341-5620

RE: Sacramento River Temperature Plan; Deliveries for People

Dear Ms. Marcus:

It is my understanding that the United States Bureau of Reclamation, recently discovered the water in Shasta Lake is warmer than anticipated when Sacramento River temperature and operation plans were set in April. Apparently it will be impossible to meet the temperature requirements under the current plan. I understand Reclamation is working with National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to reformulate the plans for submission to your Board very soon.

The water being discussed was a very creative swap, within California, to help everyone south of the Delta struggle through this summer. The failure to deliver this water will significantly affect the entire economy of the Central Valley. This water does not only go to agriculture but will also benefit millions of people as well as wildlife refuges south of the Delta. The people of the Central Valley have been hit with some of the highest percentages under Governor Brown's mandatory cutbacks, as you know, and are adhering to them the best we can. Refuges and agricultural lands in the Central Valley provide habitat for 20% of the migratory waterfowl in North America, and 60% of the Pacific Flyway population. This equates to 7 million birds and is the largest wintering population of waterfowl on Earth.

Our economy is agriculture based. Because of weather and soil, we not only provide a substantial amount of food to the entire United States, but also the rest of the world. To a degree, our national security counts on the agriculture production from the Central Valley. Farming is one aspect of this economy. There are many businesses that rely on agriculture and make up a huge part of our economy, and grow nothing. These economic sectors include trade, transportation, manufacturing, and processing to mention a few. Obviously unemployment will again rise at the news of no delivery of this water.

As I stated, municipalities are also counting on this water for groundwater recharge at the very least. Some towns in the Central Valley already have homes with no running water. Unfortunately there is insufficient cold water to accomplish temperature objectives for winter-run Salmon. The Central Valley as well as Southern California would like to be considered for vital summer deliveries as promised by earlier adopted plans. We ask the SWRCB to be reasonable with newly adopted plans and consider fellow citizens and wildlife South of the Delta.

Thank You Very Much,



Sara J van Dalen
Very Concerned Citizen