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State Water Resources Control Board
Chairwoman Felicia Marcus and all Board Members
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RE: Sacramento River Temperature Plan

Dear Ms. Marcus:

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) discovered the water in Shasta Lake is warmer than anticipated when they developed the April Sacramento River temperature and operations plans. Apparently under any circumstances, it will be impossible to meet the temperature requirements of the current plan.

As a family farmer on the east side of the San Joaquin valley and served water from the Friant Division of the CVP, our area depends on the coordinated efforts of the State of California and Reclamation for delivery of surface water supplies that allows us to provide food and fiber for our nation.

We have suffered through a dry 2012, 2013, and 2014, with a zero water supply from Friant in 2014. In 2015, a small amount of water has been cobbled together through a series of transfers and exchanges that will provide a little help to our neighbors. This meager supply is in potential jeopardy if the Board now adopts a revised plan that significantly reduces water deliveries from the Sacramento River and reduces Delta pumping.

We are hopeful the Board will adopt a new plan that maintains the vital summer deliveries as promised by the earlier adopted plans while providing reasonable temperature benefits and maximizing physical solutions in order to protect salmon.

Very Truly Yours,

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