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Subject: SED Update Comment

State Water Resources Board,

It appears that the science regarding striped bass was largely ignored when updating your SED. I was part of the public comment meeting in Modesto and have reviewed several studies regarding the predatory fish in our freshwater river systems. The facts in any of these analyses of striped bass populations show that they thrive in high water environments that essentially create the "highway" necessary for these fish to travel upriver and prey on juvenile salmonids.

Several organizations including TID, MID, OID, and SSJID presented evidence of predatory fish migration correlations with increased flows. Why is this data not being considered?


In addition, several of the public comments asked that you address the fact that your own data shows that there will be "no measurable benefits" by having increased flows. As in, "we don't know if this will work or not and there's no way to measure the benefits". I do not see any comment or additional data that supports choosing an increased flow alternative. There is NOTHING in there to support an increased flow alternative. Once again you have failed to justify the methodology for causing such measurable economic hardship.

How can you ever choose an increased flow alternative given the lack of data to support it? I truly hope more reasonable heads prevail when making a final decision on these proposed regulatory actions.

Thank you for your consideration.

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