

STATE WATER BOARD

RE: Revisions to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Amendments

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I have conscientiously conserved water in my daily life. I use drip irrigation on my flower and vegetable gardens. I use low-flow showerheads and toilets. I turn off the faucet when brushing my teeth. I have lived in foreign countries in Asia and the Middle East where water was cutoff by adversaries! I know how precious water is—and it will become more so in the future.

We can do more to smartly irrigate our crops like Israel has done to make its deserts bloom. It convinced its agribusiness interests and citizenry that installing smart drip irrigation systems was important investment for its future. Why can't California do the same? Why do many farmers still flood their orchards and fields? Why is the California aqueduct open so that much of the water simply evaporates?

Remember as you ponder the alternative revisions to Plan:

*The chemistry of the Delta has already changed due to reduced freshwater inflow from our rivers—this has impacted fish migration, concentrated pollutants, raised water temperatures, and eliminated migratory cues for fish returning to spawn.

*Through better management of snowmelt, water efficient irrigation practices, and replacing lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops, we could grow more food with less water.

*In the Hetch Hetchy service area, water use decreased by 30% between 2006 and 2016 as a result of water conservation. We can accomplish great

things when we all work together.

PLEASE BE WISE. Let your conscience be your guide in protecting our estuary, which provides habitat for more than 500 species of wildlife and serves as a major stopover on the Pacific Flyway, and as a migration pathway for salmon, steelhead and sturgeon.

I urge you to support Alternative 4 which requires 50-60% of unimpaired freshwater flow.

Respectfully yours,
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HELLO: I've attached a pdf of my letter as well—see below text of my comments

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