March 19, 2014

Felicia Marcus, Chair
State Water Resources Control Board
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Re Board’s March 18, 2014 Order amending BOR/DWR Temporary Urgency Change

Dear Ms. Marcus:

The lid just came off. What was an emergency allowing export exclusively for human health and safety is now open, for a time at least, for exports for “any lawful use of water”. I do not object to allowing exports for lawful uses if the objectives of protecting other beneficial uses are met. I don’t recall where the Board is at on this, but until the Board informs these two water rights holders what the Board’s November 1, 2014 minimum storage expectations are for Folsom, Shasta, Oroville, Trinity and Whiskeytown, you are not protecting beneficial uses. If this doesn’t happen soon November 1 will be here and we will get what we will get - history repeating itself. I do object to water managers repeatedly painting themselves into a corner and then screaming for regulatory relief on duty to protect public trust resources when the emergency is of their own making.

Please share this with your staff.

Sincerely,

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