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I live at 19300 Susan Way, Sonora, CA. My phone # is 209-213-9225. I am very grateful for the abundant natural resources of this region. I believe we must protect salmon and other aquatic species which rely on the natural flow of water from the mountains. I support the Water Board's river flow proposal. The clean water act mandates water quality to ensure the survival of threatened salmon, and maintain cold water temperatures essential for aquatic species. A 40% flow of natural is the minimum to meet that obligation. Biologists recommend at least 60% so the 40% figure is already a major concession. Farmers should practice less resource-intensive methods of agriculture that are sustainable for our region. To deal with water shortages, we should promote policies to support investment in rainwater collection systems, similar to the program which provides rebates to homeowners for cutting down trees infested by bark beetles.

Sincerely,

Andrew Clemo