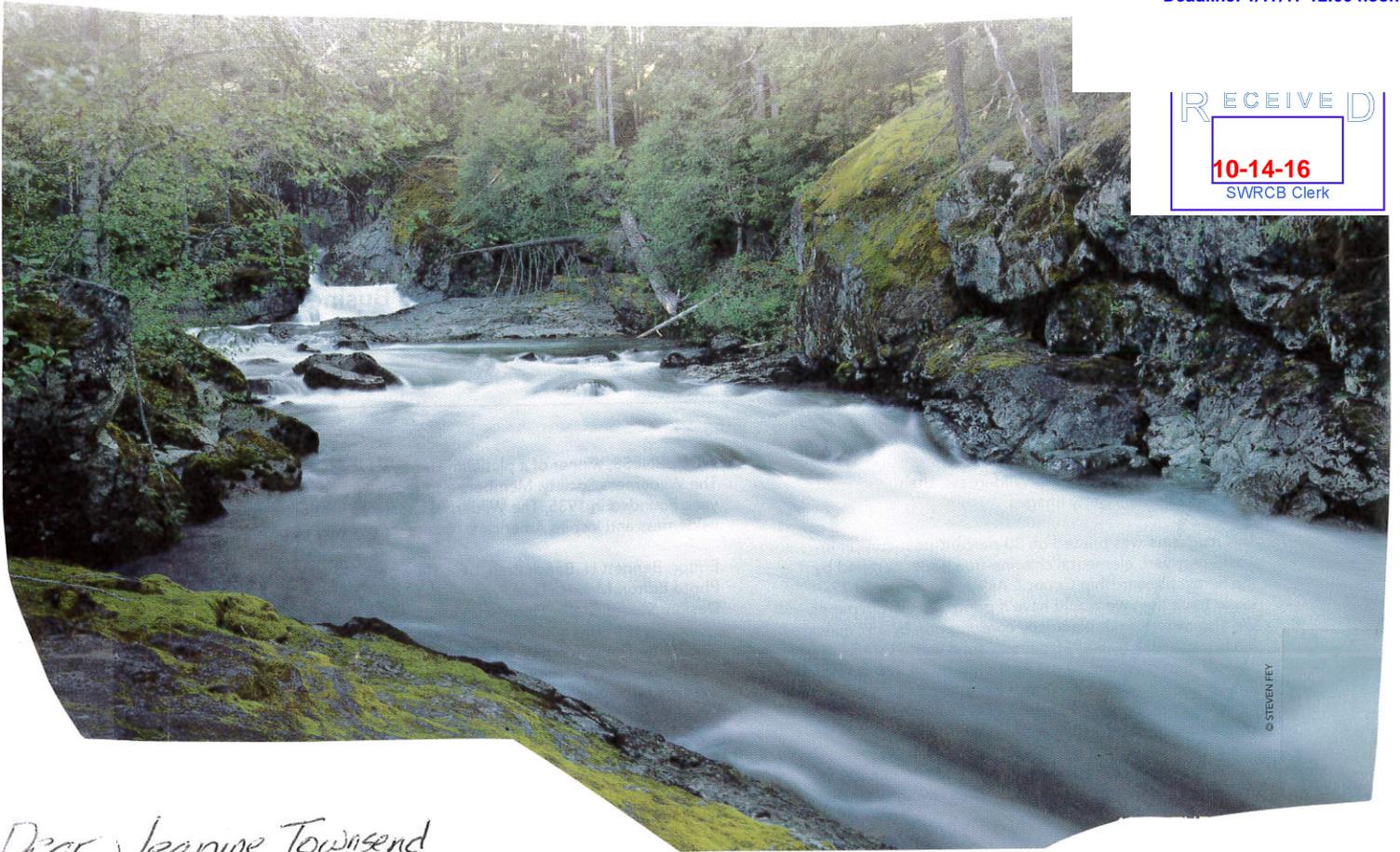


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Dear Jeanine Townsend

Clerk to the water board,

Oct 10, 2016

I am writing to support the water board proposal to increase river flow for the benefit of water quality for fish and wildlife to at least 40% of the natural flow in the Stanislaus, Tuolumne, and Merced Rivers. We live next to the Stanislaus River, and have a strong interest in seeing it's flow increased to benefit fish and wildlife, and the riparian habitat.

In 1982 I wrote a Resource Inventory Report for Calaveras Big Trees State Park which is astride the North Fork Stanislaus River. For that report I researched old News Papers, and found an article telling about a mill in Aveny (~10 miles west of the Park) that was supplying lumber for the mines in Murphys. This article told about pack trains that would go to the Stanislaus River and load up the pack train with salmon to feed the mill workers. It was a very productive river, but without increased flow it has no hope of being naturally productive of wildlife.

Sincerely, Larry Hunt