

3551 Claro Ct. Merced CA 95348 March 12, 2017



Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I St., 24<sup>th</sup> Floor Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

Dear Members of the State Water Resources Control Board,

Both of us attended the packed meeting held December 19<sup>th</sup> at the Merced Theatre in Merced. We listened to what was presented by your Board and to the many people that are terrified by what will happen if what is proposed goes through. We are in that latter group. Farmers <a href="have to have water">have to have water</a> when it is needed, not when some group that is not related to the industry says they can have it.

We are very concerned that the taking of the water from our area as is proposed would devastate this area. This valley produces diversified food for our nation. If our nation has to depend on other countries for our food we are at their mercy. Our local farmers need to be able to help make sure that does not happen.

Please consider using the SAFE plan proposed by MID. It uses common sense to help the salmon population and protects farm water.

Sincerely.

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