## Public Comment 2016 Bay-Delta Plan Amendment & SED Deadline: 3/17/17 12:00 noon

From: SUSAN VINYARD To: commentletters

**Subject:** Comment Letter Bay-Delta Amendment and SED

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## To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to share my belief that increased water flows on the San Joaquin River are needed to protect the South Delta as a Place. We need at least 60% to prevent harmful toxic algal blooms and keep our waterways flushed. Your proposed 40% just isn't enough!

The current level of water exports exceeded the limit in the late 1990's and is unsustainable. A PERMANENT REDUCTION of exports MUST happen to protect the Delta.

My son in law is a Delta Farmer as are many of our friends. They provide for their families by growing our famous Brentwood Corn. It is locally grown and consumed. Weakening the salinity standard in the South Delta will have an adverse effect on water used for irrigation which in turn will harm the crops, thereby harming the local economy drastically!

Homeowners in Discovery Bay will be effected by the toxic algae that will keep people and animals out of the water - this toxicity made its way north to Mildred Island as well as other portions of the Delta. So now the restricted flow is having an impact on human health as well as property values, which once again effects our economy!!

It seems that you should be concerned for ALL people in California, which includes those of us living, working, and playing in the Delta and along the San Joaquin River. It is difficult for me to believe we must continue to make comments on projects that should have been shelved a very long time ago! It is also beyond my comprehension that the general public must continue to send comments to the "experts" on what is best for our California waterways! Wondering if you've visited our Rivers and Delta or just relying on studies. Hmmm!

Please do your part to keep our waterways healthy for irrigation, drinking water, and recreation by increasing the water flow to 60% and permanently reducing exports.

Thank you! Susan Vinyard

