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State Water Resource Control Board
Office of Public Affairs
10011 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: River Flow Modifications.

I believe the proposal to increase water flow in the Stanislaus, Tuolumne and Merced Rivers is unjustified by the boards own research and will be detrimental to all commercial business activity in the northern San Joaquin Valley.

The proposed water flow reduction as it pertains to agricultural will result in:

1. Reduced crop yields and in some cases no crops.
2. Reduced Jobs in farm labor, product transportation, crop processing and many other allied industries.
3. Reduced product sale results in a reduction in sales and income tax revenue to the local communities and the state.

One must also ask the question? Is the proposed action in compliance with the State's ground water depilation requirement? The more we reduce our irrigation capabilities the less water that is recharged into the aquifer.

The final point I'd like to make is that the research used to support this proposal appears to place aquatic products higher on the food chain the California citizens. The report does not provide economic analysis to show aquatic products from these 3 rivers will provide a higher standard of living then that derived from the current level of water usage from the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus rivers.

I'm available to discuss my thoughts at your convenience.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig E. Sandall".

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