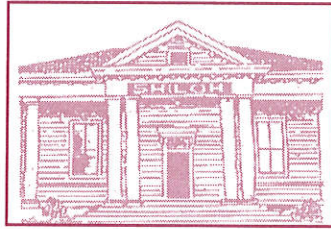


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Deadline: 3/17/17 12:00 noon**



March 15, 2017

Jeanine Townsend, Clerk of the Board
State Water Resources Control Board
1001 I Street, 24th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814-0100

Dear Jeanine Townsend:

On behalf of the Shiloh Elementary School District Board of Trustees, I would like to share comments from our community regarding the State Water Board's proposal to increase unimpaired flows from the Merced, Tuolumne and Stanislaus Rivers by 40%.

First and foremost, as the recent drought conditions over the last several years have proven, our water is one of central California's most prized resources. Our entire infrastructure and economy in the valley is vastly reliant on our water supply. While pumping groundwater is an alternative to irrigation, our community does not see this as a viable long-term solution as the quality of groundwater decreases at lower levels in addition to the fact that our aquifers are negatively affected over the long term. Water is essential to our school and community which is located in an agricultural area west of Modesto. Agriculture provides sustenance to us all and water is essential to our future.

We would like to ask that you consider our concerns regarding the State Water Board's proposal and look to seek alternative options to this decision and preserve our precious water.

Sincerely,



Seth Ehrler
Superintendent