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I live in the Central Valley but I am from the Bay Area- I love wildlife and our environment and at the same time I want my local area to be financially stable. I understand that the State Water Board is proposing to increase unimpaired flows on the Tuolumne River. All throughout my community I have seen advertisements and information suggesting that this plan could be devastating to our local community. Of course, I'm not sure who to trust.

I can tell you this...our community relies heavily on water for agricultural use and I think if this plan truly did devastate our local water supply that it would backfire. We have a monster in office now, Trump, and I believe it's largely because environmental concerns were emphasized over economic concerns in working class communities without first making sure that the communities would have another way to survive. The Central Valley is poorly educated and not wealthy by California standards, I don't think (if the statistics are true) that 6,576 jobs could be replaced or \$1.6 billion, either.

On the other hand, I can also tell you that people in this area waste a great deal of water. As ridiculous as this sounds, many people have grass lawns that they keep bright green all summer long (and summers here can get up to 110 degrees plus)!! In other words, yes, they ignore the water restrictions and rarely get caught. And I want wildlife in the Bay-Delta to survive.

My question to you is if your plan is the best plan possible, considering how many lives, both human and animal, are on the line. Is there not a better way to ensure that both groups can have their needs met? I have heard it suggested that there are better plans out there and if there are, please consider them! A decision affecting so many should not be made lightly.

Thank you,

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