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I am writing to you in regards to the Bay Delta Plan. As you know the Board issued a report that determined that 60% of unimpaired flow for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta would protect fish and wildlife. What I want to know who is who is speaking for the Salmon and other wildlife? Who has determined their life is worth less than the rights of humans? Who has determined that farmers have a right to this water- especially Southern Californian Farmers? I for one think that farmers waste far too much water and grow crops that should not be grown in California. Why should we be subsidizing that? I am not saying this because I eat salmon, which I do, but because I appreciate wildlife and nature and want to ensure the long term sustainability of the planet and all its life forms. Rather than take this precious water necessary for flora and fauna, we should stipulate that farmers must use water efficiency measures such as drip irrigation systems and avoid water intensive crops like rice and cotton. Water rates for farmers should be raised to force them to conserve more and avoid the raising of cattle which requires a lot of water. Perhaps cattle and water intensive crops should be grown outside California in states where they get more rain. I recommend that the water flows for Sacramento, San Joaquin Delta be kept well above the 60% level!

Thankyou,

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