To whom it may concern, I am writing in regard to the Bay-Delta Plan. I live in Modesto California, and issues surrounding the Tuolumne River are very important to me. I attended last year’s SWB meeting in Modesto, and I submitted comments at that time. I appreciate and value farming needs for water, as agriculture is an important part of the Central Valley’s culture and economy. I believe that there are compromises and methods that can allow farming and environmental sustainability.

Native salmon populations continue to decline. There are many reasons for this, including river flows. SWB 2010 flow criteria report determined that 60% of unimpaired flow from Feb. - June would protect native fish in San Joaquin River basin. I urge the board to use the best available science to uphold Alternative 4, which will allow 50-60% of unimpaired flow. The proposed 40% flow is already a significant compromise.

Thank you, Elaine Gorman
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