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To JeanineTownsend, clerk to the Board
From: Gail Sredanovic

To the Board:
Gentlemen:

I am writing as an 80-year-plus native of the Bay Area, born and raised in San Francisco, to urge you to use your office to protect our precious estuary and Bay and the species of the region. We residents need you to follow science and to promote the use of tools and techniques known to be effective in conserving water.

My brother and my uncle sailed on the Bay and I have taken my sons salmon fishing. I rejoice every time I visit my former home town to see the Golden Gate spanning the entrance to the Bay or take a boat to Angel Island or Sausalito. When visitors come of course I take them on Bay excursions.

I lived here when dumping in the Bay was so out of control that Bayshore became a synonym for an offensive stench, as in the expression "Phew, Bayshore." I also had occasion to see the drawings of the plan to fill in most of the Bay for development, a plan which wisely never was put into action. Good science and caring people have so far protected the Bay from destruction.

We need you to stand up to agribusinesses who want to expand the growth of export crops on totally unsuitable land, using cheap subsidized water. We residents have shown that we are able to conserve water, even as business grows, but I am not letting my lawn turn brown just so that a multimillionaire can plant more water-intensive crops for export. Remember that the California Fish and Game code requires sufficient water to keep fish in good condition. Your own science said in 2010 that 60% of unimpaired flow was needed. That is why I am writing to ask that you support Alternative 4, requiring 50-60% of unimpaired flow.

The Bay and its estuary are the largest on the West coast and not only home to salmon, but to hundreds of other species and a major flyway for migrating birds. It all hangs together.

Without adequate water, temperatures rise and harmful algae grow. We must keep this regional resource intact for our children and grandchildren and all those who come after. With wisdom and good science it can be done. Please do your part.

Sincerely,
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