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To: LSJR-SD-Comments@waterboards.ca.gov; WQCP1Comments
Subject: Comment Letter-Revisions to Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Amendments

Dear State Water Board Members,

My husband and I are retired, long time residents of the Bay Area. We love being outdoors and just returned from a four day canoe camping trip where my adult son and daughter, nephew and close family friend joined us. We have been making this trip for many years with friends, and my family has long wanted to participate. We had a wonderful trip fishing, paddling our canoes and kayaks and watching an osprey nest where the parents would fly in with a fish for their young.

I am writing to express my hope that you will support Alternative 4 in the plan. The 2010 flow report stated that a 60% unimpaired flow was required to protect our native fish who also contribute to the health of the wetlands which support birds and other wildlife. Our Bay Delta is a treasure we should protect. A low unimpaired flow dangerously raises the salinity level of water, moves the fresh/salt water mixing zone farther into the bay and makes it easier for algae to grow. The resulting neurotoxins kill plankton and wildlife.

Water for domestic and commercial use is indeed important, and population in the area is growing rapidly. But we have long wasted and taken for granted the quantity of water we use and it has been proven we can live well using far less water. My husband and I reduced our water consumption by 40% last year by reusing grey water for gardening, planting more drought tolerant plants, and installing turnoff valves on our showers so we easily shutoff the water while soaping. We can greatly reduce our water consumption by farmers using drip irrigation, developers incorporating water saving features in their construction, and commercial enterprises incorporating water saving methods in their production.

We have long expected nature to accommodate us. It is time for man to realize what we will lose if we don't use our intelligence and expertise to wisely use our resources.

Thank you,
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