Please stop this ridiculous water grab from the Stanislaus, Tuolumne & Merced Rivers. For three generations the people of this valley have invested in dams, water control measures and great water management to provide for the regions energy, water and environmental needs. With one uneducated determination from an appointed position you are trying to take all that away, with NO investment in the area that it serves. The havoc you will reek on a valley that is already underserved and with lower economic levels per capita than many other regions in the state is severe. Our entire community is driven by agriculture and agriculture processing industry. If that is gone we will be the Dust Bowl of California.

I understand that the Southern California area needs more water to meet the growing residential and commercial needs of the region. So let those residents invest in their region to get that. Whether that be in desalinization plants, dams on the eastern boarders or mountain ranges, but don’t take more water from our region to care for the needs of another. We have invested in our region to care for our needs. You have no right to take all that away.

Please reconsider this strategy. Our water managers have shown you with evidence that fish are not harmed in present control measures, and that regeneration of the species is being done alternatively thru management of predators, spawning ground rebuilding and hatcheries that replace fish directly into the ocean to grow.

In the end everyone loses when you rob from one group of people and give to another. This is what this policy is doing.

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