July 26, 2018

To: State Water Resources Control Board

I am writing on behalf of the Merced City School District Board of Education to express our sincere concerns and firm opposition to the State Water Resources Control Board’s plan to take hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of water from North Valley rivers.

Implementation of the amendments to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan will cause significant harm to our community. It will devastate the local economy and have disastrous impacts on the nearly 12,000 students we serve at 18 elementary and middle school campuses across the Merced area. Not only do our schools and our students’ families rely on groundwater, but agriculture is also the sole means of livelihood for many of their parents. Our district already serves a high percentage of students who are socioeconomically disadvantaged, and the plan to send even more of our water to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta will only cause more suffering for them and their families.

We are asking that you please reconsider this plan for the sake of children and families throughout our district and across the entire San Joaquin Valley.

Sincerely,

RoseMary Parga Duran, Ed.D.
District Superintendent
Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from the Superintendent of the Merced City School District regarding concerns about proposed amendments to the Bay-Delta Water Quality Control Plan.

Thank you,

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