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Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2015 4:44 PM
To: Townsend, Jeanine@Waterboards
Subject: TUCP

Felicia Marcus, Chair
SWRCB,

Re: Hearing on TUCP

As a farmer in Merced, Fresno and Kern Counties, your Board's decision on how Shasta is operated for the remainder of the year will have a major impact upon our farming operations and the well being of our farm workers and the local communities. We proceeded with our farming operations based upon the assurance that the flows released down the Sacramento River would be sufficient to meet our demands, which we had reduced greatly in light of the drought and hence reduced water supplies. Now we find ourselves in the predicament of maybe having our remaining Summer water supplies reduced by over 50%. While I think you have decided to maintain the outflows at approximately 7250 CFS, which will not provide sufficient water to meet our Summer needs, you can greatly help us to survive by assuring us that you will allow our Fall water to be released to us in the Fall. The release of the Fall water is logical since you have required the Summer water to be held in storage to meet the temperature needs of the salmon. With the assurance of the release of the Fall water we can negotiate exchanges with entities that currently have water in storage in San Luis Dam to meet our Summer needs and then repay them with the Fall water. Naturally, we would prefer to have our water in Shasta released during the Summer to meet our needs and to be able to avoid having to negotiate exchanges.

We urge you to have some compassion and flexibility to help us to survive,
Sincerely,

James L. Nickel, President/CEO
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