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**Subject:** Fwd: Approve the Petition by the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts: change in planned releases from New Melones

For your information.

Adrian Hall

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**To:** [Tom.Howard@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Tom.Howard@waterboards.ca.gov)

Tom,

We urge you approve the temporary:

- *It is in the best interests of Sierra Foothill Communities but also for agriculture and the economy if you approve it.*
- You can continue your programs while protecting the ecology and the economy of the foothills and providing needed water to agriculture.
- If you do not then Lake Tulloch would be drained and New Melones brought down to an insignificant level leaving no water in reserve.
- The draining of Lake Tulloch will:
  - o Destroy and seriously damage the eco system and habitat that has been carefully protected for nearly 60 years.
  - o You will place in jeopardy the water provided by the Calaveras Water District to Calaveras County residents and will effectively dry up the wells for residents on the Tuolumne County side of the lake.
  - o You will destroy our economy here and property values thereby impacting tax revenues for counties that are already significantly hurt by the down turn in the economy in the Valley and Foothills for the past five to six years.
- We completely understand we are in a drought and understand when nature simply curtails our water supply. However, this is all about sending water downstream for a variety of well-intentioned environmental policies with the focus on fish. At this point we believe people need to come first.

*Please grant this petition.*

Adrian Hall