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To: WateBoardsPublicAffairs, OPA@Waterboards

Subject: Fw: Petition by the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts for a change in planned releases from New Melones

Please take note of my concerns...

Thanks,

Ken Bloom

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Subject: Petition by the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts for a change in planned releases from New Melones

Dear Mr. Howard,

As a homeowner in Copperopolis, i urge you to please stop the water outflows from New Melones and Tulloch during this crisis situation that we are currently suffering through.

The Foothill community will be devastated and many businesses will go under if the water in the reservoirs, which fuels our local economy, gets drained. Once these businesses go, they will not return. Can you imagine the economy in Copperopolis without the grocery store, hardware store, restaurants, small businesses like gardeners, plumbers, electricians? They will all be forced to go because the seasonal nature of their businesses will be gone without water in the reservoirs.

The farming community will literally dry up if we don't do something to keep them alive. The FISH that these outflows are intended to save have survived over many other droughts prior to man intervening to keep them nice and comfortable. Their species will survive, albeit, they will suffer during the drought like the rest of us. There is no reason that THE FISH should be fat dumb and happy while all of the PEOPLE who drive the economy and the community will suffer immense cost. If people leave the community to seek gainful alternatives to support their families, it is highly unlikely that they will return. The Sierra foothills will lose more and more good young people if they find employment outside of our community.

It becomes a vicious cycle. Water goes, people follow, property values decrease, county revenues decrease and then in a couple short years, we will look like an old west town that has tumbleweeds blowing down Main Street.

We are all prepared to do our part and contribute our fair share to this water crisis, but please, Mr. Howard, put the PEOPLE before the FISH.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

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