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Cc: Governor@governor.ca.gov
Subject: San Francisco Bay flows

Dear sir,

I am greatly concerned with the perilous condition of several fish populations within the S.F. Bay delta. The Delta smelt may now be functionally extinct, with the Longfin smelt, Starry flounder, and the winter-run Chinook not far behind. The conditions of these populations can not be blamed on natural conditions or drought, but fall squarely on the shoulders of State water managers. The extinction of listed species is an unacceptable failure of policy and commitment to public trust. I urge you to do all that you can to reduce risks to these species as quickly as possible. Specifically I ask that you immediately:

1. Reverse the Water Board's decision to relax the D-1641 March requirements for inflows to the San Francisco Bay, and to enforce the required releases of critical flows.
2. Reverse decisions to relax D 1641 limits on export pumping, that could kill off the last of the Delta smelt, and imperil other endangered species.

This is a critical period for these species, and the flows are needed now to help their survival. There is no political solution to extinction. The human needs for this water are political, not existential.

Human water needs can be met with a variety of political solutions, but aquatic species need clean cool water to survive. Please take action on this matter today.

Thank you for your public service.

Sincerely, Clay Knopf