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Subject: Please restore and maintain fresh water flows to the SF Bay

Hello:

I am a California taxpayer and voter, and I am extremely concerned about the long-term health and survival of the fish and other species in San Francisco Bay and the Delta.

I am writing to express my deep concern about the impacts of any additional reductions in water flows to the SF Bay in this already-restricted time of serious drought.

To put it bluntly, I am far more concerned about preventing the extinction of endangered and extremely stressed fish populations in the San Francisco Bay and Delta than I am in supporting California agriculture.

Please let the market take care of the farmers, and take action to protect the biological diversity of the estuary by restoring the freshwater flow requirements for March (Board order D-1641), and ensuring that these critically important flows are available.

I also urge the rejection of any new petitions that seek suspension of environmental protections for freshwater flows in March and April.

These flows are critical to the continued existence of several fish species and the general health of our San Francisco Bay Estuary.

Low flows for farmers push up prices, but low flows for fish push them to extinction, and extinction is forever. Please act responsibly.

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