

Maben Farms
7250 County Road 60
Willows, CA 95988

STATE WATER RESOURCES
CONTROL BOARD

2016 MAR 21 AM 10:31

DIV OF WATER RIGHTS
SACRAMENTO

March 17, 2016

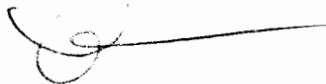
To the Members of the State Water Resources Control Board:

I am a landowner and farmer in the Sacramento Valley and I am writing today to encourage the State Water Resources Control Board and other involved agencies to work together to find ways to maximize deliveries of the available water supplies for all CVP authorized uses, including agricultural, municipal, industrial, power generation, waterfowl, fish and wildlife.

As a rice farmer in a multi- generational family operation, I am concerned with the need of adequate water to grow crops, but equally so with the timing of the water deliveries. The proposal to delay deliveries until late May or early June would make it nearly impossible to plant, bring a crop to maturity and harvest it before the winter storm season hits. This would work extreme hardship and almost certainly bring economic disaster on my operation and the operations of thousands of farmers like me. The ripple effect would likewise be disastrous, affecting our employees and their families, and those who provide goods and services in our local communities.

I am in agreement that we need to find ways to protect the environment, including the winter run chinook salmon, but I urge you, in your deliberations and discussions with the various agencies involved, not to discount the needs of the agricultural community, and those who need the commodities that we produce.

Sincerely,



Larry L. Maben