



I am opposed to the proposed plan in its current form. The water supply for the Delta has been inadequate for many years and is threatening the viability of wildlife, fish, and vegetation, as well as the economic viability of our tourism industry and salmon fisheries:

- Low river flows impede fish passage, concentrate pollutants, raise water temperatures, decrease dissolved oxygen, and eliminate migratory clues.
- Historically, populations of spawning salmon may have exceeded 400,000 fish in the San Joaquin River Basin, but in many recent years that figure has plummeted to just a few thousand fish.
- Salmon are a keystone species, providing food for other animals and transporting nutrients from the ocean to upland habitats. More than 100 species depend on salmon.
- The commercial salmon fishery in California is on the brink. The salmon population was so low in 2008 and 2009 that the commercial fishing season had to be cancelled.

I wish you would revise your plan to include these propositions: Instead of diversion of more Delta water:

1. Water flow should be held to 60% unimpeded flow year-round, as proposed by the State Water Board.
2. Better management of snowmelt, water efficient irrigation practices, and replacing lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops. This would allow us to grow more food with less water.

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