Public Hearing (3/20/13) Bay-Delta Plan SED Deadline: 3/29/13 by 12 noon

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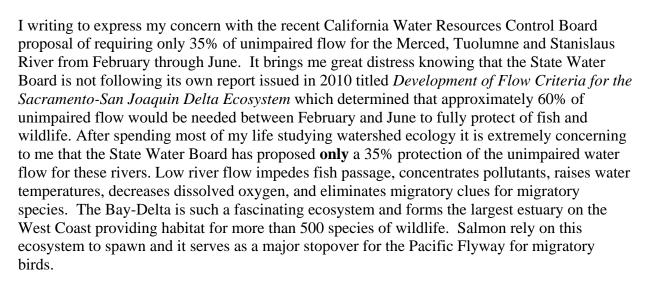
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Re: Comment Letter - Bay Delta Plan SED

To Whom It May Concern:



I am really proud to be a resident of California and believe that we need to do as much as we can to protect the wildlife, recreation and businesses that rely on this fascinatingly unique ecosystem. I really hope that the Water Board reconsiders the proposal and protects atleast half of unimpaired water flow for the Merced, Tuolumne and the Stanislaus River from February through June. Not only would this protect keystone species, like salmon, but it would assist in supporting our already impacted commercial salmon fishing in California. This is an incredibly important moment and I urge the State Water Board to reconsider and protect at least half of the unimpaired water in our rivers. While I fully realize that the citizens of California need fresh water for agricultural and urban uses, there are other ways we can approach these issues. I urge the California Water Resources Control Board to reexamine water use in our agricultural and urban systems to both serve the water needs of the California population while protecting fish and wildlife of an incredibly important and fragile ecosystem. Through better management of snow melt, water efficient irrigation practices, and replacing lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops, we could grow more food with less water and meet the needs of our population while protecting our fish and wildlife.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.



Sincerely,

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