



To the Board:

I am very concerned about your recent action:

As a long time environmentalist I feel strongly about the quality of life for all of us, including wildlife around, which is increasingly threatened by our human greediness!!

Water is one of the most precious commodity for all of us, so we should be very careful about our management.

(1) At least half of the the San Joaquin River's natural flow should reach the Delta during the first half of the year. Flows in the summer and fall should be sufficient to maintain fish and wildlife, water quality and recreational opportunities.

(2) Salmon are keystone species, providing for other animals and are transporting nutrients from the ocean to upland habitats. More than 100 species depend on salmon.

(3) Up to 6.9 million acre-feet (2.2 trillion gallons) of water per year are pumped from the southern Delta for agriculture and urban uses.

(4) Through better management of snowmelt, 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.

I hope you will consider these points in your decision.

Sincerely yours,

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