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Dear Water Board Members:

I live in the coastal community of Half Moon Bay, where until quite recently, we've had a steady, but hard-hit, fishing industry. Historic salmon catches have dwindled to near nothingness and past seasons have either been curtailed, or canceled, depending on the year. Most of my fishermen friends could not make a living and have gone out of business. Our local fish markets stock "fresh" Alaskan salmon.

What's been happening is not a mystery. With the Delta containing so few adult salmon, approximately .01% of their original number, this population, with the right weather conditions and a policy glitch thrown in, may well become extinct.

In 2010 your staff report entitled *Development of Flow Criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Ecosystem* determined that approximately 60% of unimpaired flow between February and June would be fully protective of fish and wildlife in the lower San Joaquin River and its three major tributaries. Now your staff proposes requiring just 35% of unimpaired flows for these rivers, and there are no allocations for the other months of the year!

Where is the balance in this plan? Salmon are both a key species and an indicator species for the health of the Delta. It's long past the time we need to replace low-value, water-intensive crops with higher value, water-efficient crops and foster efficient conservation practices so that the Delta can flourish as it should. Please adhere to the basic facts presented in your 2010 report and advance no less than the full amount of water needed to sustain California's rivers and San Joaquin Delta ecosystem. The short term economic tradeoffs can not possibly justify the permanent destruction of our wildlife and desiccation of our watersheds.

Sincerely,

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