



Dear State Water Resources Control Board,

As a 75-year-old California native senior citizen who would like his grandchildren to know and enjoy some of California's remaining precious natural water resources, I am writing you today to express my concern for the environmental health of our natural rivers. Any plan for the Bay Delta must consider and protect the delicate balance these rivers provide for fish and wildlife, water quality and recreational opportunities.

Given these concerns, I believe at least half of the San Joaquin River's natural flow should reach the Delta during the first six months of each year. And flows in the summer and fall should be sufficient to maintain the above mentioned resources.

As you know, Up to 6.8 million acre-feet of water per year are pumped from the southern Delta for agriculture and urban uses. I believe better management of snowmelt, better urban water conservation measures, more water efficient irrigation practices, and replacing lower-value, water-intensive crops with higher-value, water-efficient crops, would go a long way in conserving water for our future generations.

I thank you for your consideration of my concerns for our water resources.

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