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Dear Members of the AB2121 Policy division of The State Water Resources Control board.

I am a member of the agricultural community in California that produces food and fiber for a world that is experiencing increasing shortages of these vital commodities.

By way of this e-mail I urge the board to extend the comment period to allow appropriate public comment on the proposed mathematical equations upon which the new policy will be based. Water is vital to food and fiber production. A balanced water policy based on sound scientific facts is necessary to support the increasing demand for agricultural products while at the same time protecting natural habitats and wildlife species.

Agricultural technology has made great strides in water conservation and in techniques to use water more efficiently. The environmental community continues to demand more and more water for instream-flows. Those demands are at times based skillful use of public emotion rather than sound science. The environmental community generally has much deeper pockets than those who are most engaged in making a living in production agriculture. As an example there are more members of animal right organizations that their people in the business of production agriculture. When essentially only one and one half percent of the nation feeds the nation, their political voice has weakened.

As an Ag engineer I ask that your Please use sound science in balancing the use of our vital resources for the benefit of all.

Best Regards,
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