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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the proposal by the State Water Board that pertains to the dedication of additional water from the Stanislaus, Merced and Tuolumne rivers for environmental purposes.

I am extremely concerned about the impact this proposal will have on the Central Valley. I am all for protecting the environment to the best of our ability, but not at the expense of our farmers, businesses and citizens. We are not out of the woods as far as the impact of the drought and we simply can not afford to divert this crucial resource in order to further support the fish in our waterways. When farmers are forced to fallow more land, our food prices go up and the poor in our communities suffer the greatest. This proposal will raise the cost of water and electricity, as well.

Please go back to the drawing board. We need a proposal that puts people first, with protection for our environment.

Yours Truly,



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