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Felicia Marcus  
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Dear Chairwoman Marcus and Members of the Board,

The Modesto Chamber of Commerce represents over 1,000 business organizations with tens of thousands of employees in Modesto and Stanislaus County. Founded in 1914, the Chamber has a rich history of working collaboratively with appointed and elected bodies regarding issues which directly impact business and the local economy.

We are writing to you about the proposed update to the Bay-Delta Plan. As we hold the activities of your board and your role in implementing regulations in high regard, we hope that you, too, will show some respect for the concerns expressed by our business members about the potential impacts of your contemplated actions upon our local economy.

Our region is already seriously economically challenged. In fact, many have compared the region financially and demographically to Appalachia. So, given that less than flattering comparison of our region to one of the poorest regions in the Nation (and this is without any adjustment to current flows) are you able to imagine the exacerbation of these existing challenges by further negatively impacting the health, drinking water quality and economic and educational opportunities of this region? We simply ask you to weigh the consequences of your actions against the human toll such actions will take both now, and for generations to come.

We strongly encourage you to carefully evaluate the cumulative impacts of the pending flows proposal.

Sincerely,

Steven Rank  
Water Committee Chair Person

