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Subject: Fish - not Frackers - Protect the San Francisco Bay Estuary!

Dear California Water Board,

As a California taxpayer, I am outraged that the state water board is shipping our precious water south to be used for fracking and for multi-national agriculture corporations who waste it on unsustainable crops. I care about the fish and wildlife of the San Francisco Estuary. Making matters worse, I understand that the State Water Board has now eliminated important freshwater flow protections for these species. Six officially imperiled species (two salmon, a migratory trout, two smelt, and a sturgeon) plus a bunch that aren't officially endangered depend on freshwater flows from the rivers to our Bay and Estuary in March-May. These species are at or near all time lows and, if they don't get the water they need now, it could be "lights out" -- forever.

I urge the Board to:

1. Restore the freshwater flow requirements (in Board order D-1641) for March and ensure that these flows, which are critical to the continued existence of several fish species and the general health of our San Francisco Bay Estuary, are actually provided.
2. Reject new petitions seeking suspension of environmental protections for freshwater flows in March and April.

And finally, put restrictions on letting any water be used for fracking. Thank you

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