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Subject: PLEASE Approve the Petition by SSJID and OID

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Good Afternoon Mr. Howard,

I am writing you today urging you to please approve the Petition by the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts for a change in planned releases from New Melones Reservoir. As a current lake front property owner, my family and I beg you to please approve of this petition immediately.

These water releases will be detrimental to our community in numerous ways. My father is the owner and custom contractor of Lopes and Sons Construction. My family has been on Lake Tulloch for over 60 years. The habitat and eco system that has developed in and around Lake Tulloch will be destroyed if the lake were to be drained. My fathers business will plummet and will be unable to pay basic bills without his income.

We are one of thousands of the people that will lose our water from the Calaveras County Water District if the lake levels go below their pump lines. Our taps will be dry. I have a six month old daughter and an elderly grandfather living with me not to mention myself and my husband. We cannot survive without water to our home.

This drought is serious and extremely scary. Please, my family and I beg you, to approve this Petition. We need to cease all fish flows or bring them to a bare minimum to protect our agricultural neighbors and our own water needs.

I hope this email finds you well and you take into consideration how many people you will be impacting if you disregard our plea.

Thank you,

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