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Subject: Please approve the Petition by the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts

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Dear Tom Howard,

Please approve the temporary petition.

I feel that our economy and agricultural communities will greatly benefit if it is approved. I understand the program in place now and the need for the salmon but in this severe drought we need to compromise and save our reserves for the existing habitat and the water needs of the population in Calaveras county as well as the agricultural needs in the San Joaquin Valley. If Lake Tulloch were to be drained it would destroy the economy of Copperopolis and the surrounding areas. The existing habitat on Lake Tulloch that has been existing for 60 years.

If this petition is not approved, then Lake Tulloch will be drained and New Melones will be left with no water in reserve. I believe that you can continue your programs while protecting the ecology and the economy of the foothills and provide needed water to agriculture if you approve this petition.

Sincerely,

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