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Subject: South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts Petition

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Today at 4:33 PM

Tom Howard, Director
State Water Board

California

Dear Mr. Howard,

I am writing as a Copperopolis resident urging you to approve the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts Petition for a change in the planned New Melones releases between now and September 2015.

I can appreciate your interests in continuing your other present programs, however, please, not the planned water release which would seriously effect the ecology and economy of the foothills, by drastically reducing the much needed water level in the reserve.

If the level is reduced/drained, the Lake Tulloch eco system and habitat would be seriously damaged or destroyed.

Water provided to the Calaveras County residents would be jeopardized and residential wells on the Tuolumne County side of the lake could dry up.

The counties, already being negatively impacted by the economic downturn, would suffer another setback with further reduction in property values impacting county tax revenues.

I am a sound, ecologically focused, fiscally responsible, proud California property owner and enjoy all our wonderful state has to offer. I love nature and all the critters that abound. I am also realistic and this once, since nature is testing our resilience, I tend to place the well being of my fellow humans first. Therefore, I urge you to grant this petition.

Identifying a problem is usually easy, however, I appreciate the task you have ahead in reaching a workable solution. If there is any way I can help, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your attention and in advance, I thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Meredith Monica