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To the Members of the State Water Resources Control Board:

As a [landowner/farmer/etc] in the Sacramento Valley in Northern California I am writing today to strongly urge the State Water Resources Control Board and other involved agencies to immediately work together to maximize the water supplies available for all CVP authorized purposes, including fish and wildlife, as well as waterfowl, agricultural, municipal and industrial and power generation purposes.

The Sacramento River Settlement Contractors (SRSC) are the most senior water rights holders on the Sacramento River. The suggestion that Shasta Reservoir, the largest storage facility in the CVP, be operated in such a manner as to significantly delay SRSC water diversions by more than a month or longer than they are entitled to divert under their Settlement Contracts and senior water rights must not be implemented.

As we have done before, landowners and farmers like myself are ready to voluntarily take actions to help conserve storage in Shasta, but holding off diversions until late May to early June would decimate agriculture and related economies in the Sacramento Valley. It would prevent me from planting a crop this year and in future years, and cause significant hardship to my operation, my family, and the regional economy. It would also affect other beneficial environmental activities and severely affect other species.

Today, Shasta Reservoir has more than 3,000,000 acre-feet in storage; with the March storms, Shasta storage will likely approach the 4,000,000 acre-foot mark by early April. We all agree that the winter-run Chinook salmon must be protected. **However, I urge you to take any and all necessary steps to work with the Bureau of Reclamation and others to immediately develop a CVP operations plans for all of the diverse needs that depend on water from the CVP, instead waiting until April or May.**

(Describe your farming operation here: type of crops, number of acres, etc.)

This land has been in production for numerous generations in my family and your actions could potentially change the future landscape of my farm and the Sacramento Valley. I strongly urge you to evaluate this impact as you make your decisions.

Sincerely,

Ron La Grande

Rice	600ac	AIFAIFA	50ac
Tomatoe	1000ac	Corn	150ac
Seed	1000ac		
Crops			
Almonds	900ac		
Walnuts	250ac		

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DATE: March 14, 2016
TO: GCID Landowners and Water Users
FROM: Thaddeus Bettner, General Manager
SUBJECT: SWRCB Workshop - March 18, 2016 and GCID Landowner/Water User Meetings - March 30, 2016

Sacramento Temperature Control Workshop

We are writing today to urge you to attend the Sacramento River Temperature Management Planning and Implementation public workshop on Friday, March 18, 2016, in Sacramento. Although the magnitude of the recent storms have resulted in enough storage in Shasta Reservoir that it is hoped that diversions will not be delayed this year, the workshop is being held to discuss and obtain information to develop a Temperature Management Plan for the future and it is important that agricultural water users participate in the process.

Workshop Details:

Friday, March 18, 2016

The Public Workshop will commence at 9:00 a.m.

Joe Serna, Jr. - CalEPA Building

Coastal Hearing Room

1001 I Street

Sacramento, California

(maps and directions are available at GCID's office)

The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) will be holding the public workshop to receive public input regarding Sacramento River temperature management issues, including the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's (Reclamation) 2016 Sacramento River Temperature Management Plan (TMP). The TMP will describe proposed operations of the Central Valley Project (CVP) to manage temperatures on the Sacramento River for the protection of winter-run Chinook salmon this year.

Your comments and input at this workshop are critical in ensuring the voices of landowners and water users, who would be most impacted by this plan, are heard, and that your needs are balanced with other considerations.

Among other issues, the SWRCB will be looking for public input on:

- What are the water supply impacts and environmental benefits and impacts of Reclamation's proposed 2016 TMP, and are they appropriately balanced?
- What long-term measures should be considered to ensure temperature control and related measures to protect winter-run Chinook salmon and other Sacramento River salmonids in future years?
- How should stakeholder input be factored into Sacramento temperature planning decisions?

While no formal SWRCB action will be taken at the workshop, it is imperative they hear from landowners and water users in the region on potential impacts as they consider actions in the future.

If you cannot attend the workshop, you can submit comments electronically. We have attached a draft letter you can personalize by adding information about your own operation and submit to rich.satkowski@waterboard.gov or mail via U.S. Postal Service to:

**SWRCB
Division of Water Rights
Attn: Rick Satkowski
Post Office Box 2000
Sacramento, California 95812-2000**

The full Workshop Notice from the State Water Resources Control Board, can be viewed at www.gcid.net under "Recent News."

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and we hope we can count on you to provide your input either at the workshop or in writing.

Upcoming GCID Landowner and Water User Meetings

Two informational meetings for landowners and water users have been scheduled to provide the most current information on 2016 water supply and operations, and the 2016 water application process.

The meetings will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2016, at the following locations:

March 30 - 9:30 a.m., Willows City Council Chambers, 201 North Lassen Street, Willows

March 30 - 1:30 p.m., Granzella's Banquet Facility, 457 7th Street, Williams