



Please reconsider the Water Board's decision to require release 35% more water from the Tuolumne, Stanislaus, and Merced rivers during February to June. This is the most undesirable time to release water from the reservoirs. It will lower the water levels in the reservoirs at a time when it is not needed downstream. This will make less water available for agricultural use and for power generation during the summer when it is most needed. There is no valid reason to release this water. The stated reason, improving fish habitat, is not based on scientific evidence. This decision is an example of a regulatory board bowing to political pressure from Southern California interests and to the "environmental" activists and their lawyers.

It is unfortunate that we are once more victimized by these groups.  
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