

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 16, 2018

Ms. Felicia Marcus, Chair  
State Water Resources Control Board  
P.O. Box 100  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

Subject: Final Draft Bay-Delta Plan Update for the Lower San Joaquin River and Southern Delta

Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

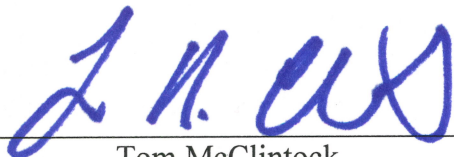
We write today to express our fervent opposition to the State Water Resources Control Board's proposed final San Joaquin River flows and Southern Delta water quality amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary.

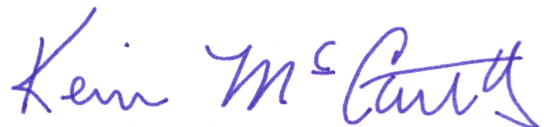
As members of Congress responsible for ensuring and protecting the federal interest of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation projects, we strongly support the position expressed in Reclamation Commissioner Brenda Burman's letter to you of July 27, 2018. We affirm our intention to intervene if your Board attempts to take action that would usurp management of federal facilities, interfere with the lawful operation of Bureau of Reclamation facilities, or impose any of the water quality standards identified in the final San Joaquin River flows and Southern Delta water quality amendments to the Water Quality Control Plan on the water rights permits for the State Water Project.

The Board's proposal clearly subordinates the beneficial human use of the water in favor of fish and wildlife measures of dubious validity, contrary to congressional authorization of the Central Valley Project and the New Melones Dam. Notably, implementation of the 40 percent unimpaired flow standard will reduce average storage of water at New Melones by 315,000 acre-feet per year, while decimating deliveries to Central Valley Project contractors. The 40 percent unimpaired flow standard will also result in diminished power generation and public recreation at New Melones.

As members of Congress, we stand behind Commissioner Brenda Burman's letter. If the SWRCB moves forward as planned and adopts the Draft Water Quality Control Plan for Phase I or seeks to impose new water quality obligations on the State Water Project, then we will seek legislative, administrative and judicial countermeasures.

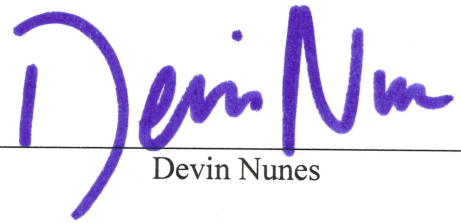
Sincerely,

  
Tom McClintock

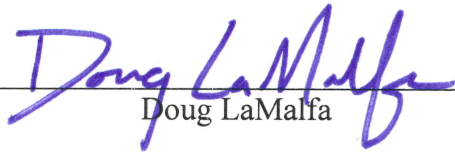
  
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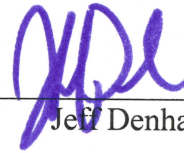
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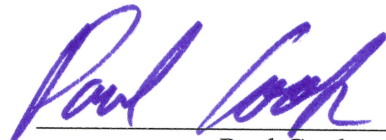
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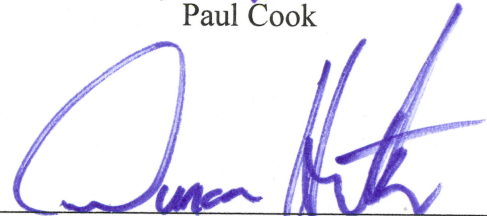
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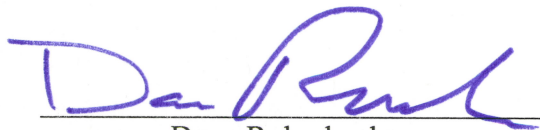
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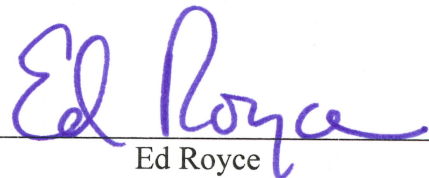
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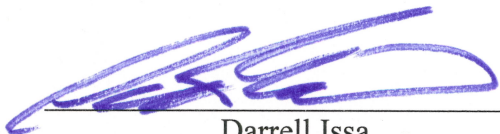
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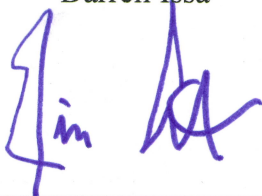
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