DON’T GO WITH THE FLOW

California’s Bay-Delta Plan is a water quality plan created by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The stated purpose of the plan is to set water quality objectives and define how those objectives are to be implemented.

Phase 1 of the plan seeks to require 40 percent unimpaired flow to be released downstream within the Tuolumne River and two other San Joaquin River tributaries February through June annually for alleged environmental benefit. Unfortunately for Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and Turlock Irrigation District (TID), this means using existing or potential stored water from Don Pedro Reservoir to satisfy the state’s demands.

What’s worse, the plan calls for a new annual requirement of MID and TID to store a large amount of water in Don Pedro Reservoir for fish, which further limits our water storage flexibility and delivery capabilities.

THE IMPACTS

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Under this proposal 2015 would’ve looked like this:

- $1.6 billion in economic output loss
- $167 million in farm-gate revenue loss
- $330 million in labor income loss
- 6,576 jobs would’ve been lost

Groundwater sustainability in jeopardy
Domestic water supply threatened
Hydropower less economical
HERE’S WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Submit e-petition

Speak at State Water Board public hearings, or submit comments before Jan. 17, 2017*

In addition to two Sacramento public hearings, a Dec. 20, 2016 hearing will be held in Modesto*. *dates & times subject to change. Visit worthyourfight.org for details

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SOLUTIONS

MID and TID have continually communicated and demonstrated that we have better science and better solutions for the Tuolumne River to address the same concerns that state regulators are attempting to solve.

Solve predation problems first

Implement river and habitat improvements

Restructure existing river operations

More than 90 percent of juvenile salmon are eaten by predatory fish before they even reach the San Joaquin River.

Projects could include gravel improvements, water hyacinth removal efforts and riparian vegetation expansion.

Science shows that improvements to salmon and rainbow trout populations can be significantly improved by simply changing the timing of existing river flow requirements.

OUR REGION HAS NEVER FACED A CHALLENGE OF THIS PROPORTION.

This water grab has the potential to impact our region’s way of life. Don’t you think it’s Worth Your Fight?