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Felicia Marcus, Board Chairwoman
State Water Resources Control Board
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Dear Chairwoman Marcus:

The Latino Community Roundtable (LCR) is committed to improving the political, social justice, cultural, and economic conditions of Latinos in Stanislaus County. Our organization grew to over 200 members in 2014 and serves as a think tank to provide direction and leadership to the entire Latino community. Over 55% of the residents of Stanislaus County are members of minority communities, with a majority of those residents being Latinos.

As citizens of Stanislaus County and as Latinos, we are very concerned about your 2012 Substitute Environmental Document to the Bay-Delta Plan. Your plan recommends a reduction in the flows available to our local community, without any proposal to address “significant, but unavoidable” impacts to our region.

As you know, our economy is largely driven by the agricultural sector, of which Latino workers play a vital role. Our unemployment rates in Stanislaus County are already consistently higher than the state and national averages.

There is no doubt that your plan will have devastating economic consequences to an already disadvantaged region. While it appears that this outcome is of little consequence to you and your Board, it is critical to many of the Latino families who call Stanislaus County their home.

The Latinos of Stanislaus County deserve to have a voice in this decision. We encourage your Board to take no further action until you have engaged the Latino community of our area in a dialogue about how your plan will affect our quality of life and how you plan to mitigate impacts.

On behalf of the LCR Board and our membership, we thank you for your consideration and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maggie Mejia". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the right of the word "Sincerely,".

Maggie Mejia
President

cc: LCR Board
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