



MODESTO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION

"Protecting those who serve and protect"



December 15th, 2016

To: California State Water Recourses Control Board

Re: Unimpaired flows on the Tuolumne, Stanislaus and Merced Rivers.

We, the Modesto Police Officers Association represent the officers and detectives who are sworn to protect the City of Modesto. Our members live in, and around Stanislaus County, and Modesto. As members of this community we are greatly concerned over the intention to increase the unimpaired flow of the three rivers in our region. One of our main concerns is the impact it will have on our region's economy. Your economist has conservatively estimated the increase in flow to the three rivers will result in \$64 million a year loss to our economy. That type of loss will have devastating impacts on our community. A decrease in Stanislaus County's agriculture production will impact property values and tax revenues which will impact the cities in our region ability to fund essential services such as police officers and firefighters. We feel any proposal that could impact the ability for the City of Modesto to keep its neighborhoods safe is unacceptable. This proposal will also cost our region jobs. There are numerous studies including a 2002 study by Ohio State University showing the correlation between job rates and crime rates. The combination of losing revenues and losing jobs could have a potentially dangerous impact to the safety of our city and its citizens. As the sworn peace officers who strive to keep our community safe we feel obligated to voice our opposition to this proposal.

Respectfully,

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Douglas Ridenour Jr., Sgt. at Arms, MPOA

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