



San Joaquin River Group

- Modesto Irrigation District
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- Merced Irrigation District
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- Friant Water Users Authority

November 2, 2007

Mr. Philip Isenberg, Chair
Delta Vision Blue Ribbon Task Force
650 Capitol Mall
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Isenberg:

The San Joaquin River Group Authority (SJRGA) is an alliance of the major water rights holders on the San Joaquin River and its tributaries. The SJRGA includes the Friant Water Users Authority; the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority; Merced, Turlock, Modesto, Oakdale, and South San Joaquin Irrigation Districts; and the City and County of San Francisco.*

The SJRGA supports the Governor's recommendations to repair California's broken infrastructure to help solve some of California's major water problems. The SJRGA supports the Governor's recommendations to build Temperance Flat Reservoir, which will ensure the successful restoration of the San Joaquin River, a salt drain to the ocean for the west side of the San Joaquin Valley to prevent the most fertile agricultural region of America from turning into a salt desert and an isolated conveyance facility by or through, the Delta to ensure the drinking water supply to two-thirds of California citizens as well as to our farmers

These recommendations have been identified as solutions to water supply, water supply security, water quality and protection of San Joaquin River and Delta fisheries including the Fall Run Chinook Salmon. To think we can continue to move millions of acre-feet of water through the Delta, in a system clearly not designed for such use with the evidence of current damage we have to the delta ecosystem and to the California economy is not only absurd but borders on an economic death wish. What is even worse is continuing to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to study and bandage a system that we could truly fix faster and cheaper with a little political courage.

Sincerely,

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* The City & County of San Francisco did not participate in the drafting of this letter, nor do they support the letter.