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 additional tributaries of the San Joaquin River for environmental purposes. Unfortunately for Modesto Irrigation District (MID) and Turlock Irrigation District (TID), this means using existing or potential stored water from Don Pedro Reservoir in order to satisfy the state’s demands.

To address the plan’s impacts, a Substitute Environmental Document (SED) has been developed for Phase 1 of the plan in lieu of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report.

THE IMPACTS

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

DON’T GO WITH THE FLOW
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

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

Implement river and habitat improvements

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

Restructure existing river operations

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

Here’s What You Can Do:

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Worth Your Fight

Don’t Go With the Flow

Our region has never faced a challenge of this proportion.

We will be forced by state regulators to solve larger statewide problems we didn’t create. This water grab has the potential to impact our region’s way of life. Don’t you think it’s Worth Your Fight?

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