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To the Members of the California State Assembly:

California's water system is faced with a critical need to update our infrastructure and improve our management to adapt to a changing climate, prevent further species decline, and maintain a secure water supply and a vibrant economy.

The San Joaquin River is the longest river in California and its health greatly influences the health of the Bay Delta, but it is an overburdened river. Multiple efforts and investments will be needed to improve this situation- from updating water quality standards, to achieving voluntary settlements that improve flow and habitat conditions and modernizing outdated infrastructure.

Much can be done using federal, state, and local investments. The California Natural Resources Agency is currently identifying appropriate state investments for any voluntary settlements for improved river flows and habitat conditions on the Sacramento and San Joaquin rivers and for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program—including projects that optimize water supplies, like the water management project prioritized by AB 935.

Sincerely,


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