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**SWC STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
DRAFT FLOW CRITERIA FOR THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA**

The State Water Resources Control Board today released its draft report on flow criteria for the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta ecosystem, as directed by the State Legislature in last year's water package.

"As the Board notes in the summary, the draft flow criteria have not been screened through the Board's usual balanced and comprehensive process. They are premised on the erroneous assumption that all the ecosystem's deficiencies can be addressed through flow alone. Moreover, there is no attempt to balance ecosystem with human water supply needs. Thus, some might think that the report is inconsequential. However, it must be recognized that, if the draft recommendations were adopted, it would empty our reservoirs of cool waters required for salmon migration and cripple our state's water supply."

"We all recognize that this is just one piece in a broader puzzle, and the information will be reviewed and considered as part of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and the larger Delta Plan, as intended by the Legislature. We would expect that such consideration would take into account the co-equal goals of human use as well as ecosystem protection, and the role that habitat restoration and pollution reduction will play, as well as flow, in ecosystem and species recovery. "

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