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Dave,

I'd be happy to meet with your folks next week, but what do you expect the federal government to be able to do about a SWRCB decision?

Thanks,
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On Mon, Mar 13, 2017 at 3:53 PM, Reynolds, David <dlreyns@sso.org> wrote:

Scott: ACWA's Board on Friday adopted a policy statement on Bay-Delta Flow Requirements. Draft preamble is below. Would you have time to meet with Tim and some of our NWRA Directors either next Monday between 2-4 pm or Tuesday between 1-4 pm to discuss this issue? Hope that might work. Thanks. Dave

Revised Draft ACWA Board Policy Statement on Bay-Delta Flow Requirements

2/28/17

California is facing a defining moment in water policy. A staff proposal under consideration by the State Water Resources Control Board presents a decision point about the future we want for California and its communities, farms, businesses and ecosystems. The State Water Board's staff proposal to base new water quality objectives on a "percentage of unimpaired flow" would have impacts that ripple far beyond water for fish. The proposal could lead to widespread fallowing of agricultural land, undercut the state's groundwater sustainability goals, cripple implementation of the Brown Administration's California Water Action Plan, negatively affect water reliability for much of the state's population and affect access to surface water for some disadvantaged communities that do not have safe drinking water. These effects are not in the public's interest.

Local water managers overwhelmingly believe the proposal's singular focus on unimpaired flows is the wrong choice for the state's future. California's urban and agricultural water managers are united in their vision for a future that includes a healthy economy as well as healthy ecosystems and fish populations. That vision is best achieved through comprehensive, collaborative approaches that include "functional" flows as well as non-flow solutions that contribute real benefits to ecosystem

recovery.

On behalf of its more than 430 member public agencies serving urban and agricultural customers throughout the state, the Association of California Water Agencies adopts the following policy statement regarding the State Water Board's proposed approach to updating of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

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