

# NORTH STATE WATER ALLIANCE

COMMITTED TO STATEWIDE WATER SOLUTIONS THAT PROTECT THE ECONOMY, ENVIRONMENT, AND QUALITY OF LIFE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

April 25, 2012

Charlie Hoppin, Chair  
Members of the Board  
State Water Resources Control Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

The North State Water *Alliance* (*Alliance*) urges the State Water Resources Control Board (Board), during its process to develop Bay-Delta flow objectives, to recognize the important and diverse beneficial uses of water in Northern California upstream of the Bay-Delta. The *Alliance* provides these comments to the Board's January 24, 2012 Supplemental Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Update and Implementation of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary (Bay-Delta Plan).

More than 150 cities, counties, water suppliers, businesses, and community groups in Northern California have recently united to form the *Alliance* around our common interests in assuring sustainable water resources. The *Alliance* is an urban-rural partnership committed to statewide water solutions that protect the economy, environment and quality of life in Northern California.

Many of the North State's beneficial uses of water are described in "Water in California's North State," which is enclosed for your review. Water from local rivers, streams and groundwater in Northern California grows food for the world; serves our homes and businesses; supports birds along the Pacific Flyway; provides recreational opportunities enjoyed by visitors from around the world, supplies clean, renewable hydropower; and sustains our forests and prime habitat for fish and wildlife.

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Many *Alliance* participants will be providing more specific comments under separate cover that we encourage you to review in more detail.

If you have any questions, please call us or visit our website at [www.northstatewater.org](http://www.northstatewater.org).

Sincerely yours,



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