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Dear CWC,

Please see the comment below from American Rivers in support of the: '[Potential State Strategies for Protecting Communities and Fish and Wildlife in the Event of Drought](#)'. American Rivers participated in the Drought Working Group, who helped guide and develop the white paper.

As a leading voice in river conservation, American Rivers strongly supports the proposed strategies to enhance drought resilience in California. In particular, we applaud the focus on scaling up groundwater recharge, which is critical for sustaining rivers and wetlands during dry periods. We also support the emphasis on watershed-level planning and implementation of key habitat restoration and conservation projects that provide drought resilience for fish and wildlife. We believe that projects that improve ecosystem function, such as reconnecting floodplains and restoring wetlands, will not only enhance drought resilience but also contribute to the overall health and sustainability of California's rivers and streams. We urge policymakers to prioritize these strategies in their efforts to build a more resilient and sustainable water future for the state. They are essential for ensuring the health and resilience of California's rivers and the communities that depend on them. We look forward to working with the state to implement these strategies and build a more water-secure future for all.

Thanks,  
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