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Water agencies file legal challenge against state water grab

The San Joaquin Tributaries Authority (SJTA), of which Turlock Irrigation District (TID) is a member, filed a lawsuit today challenging the [Phase 1 of the State Water Board's Bay-Delta Plan](#).

The lawsuit, filed in Tuolumne County Superior Court, contends the State Water Board adopted a wholly different plan than it analyzed, violated state and federal due process laws and unlawfully segmented the environmental review of the plan, among other claims. To read the complete filing or to learn more about the process, visit www.tid.org/sed.

"We are incredibly disappointed in the State Water Board's December 12 action to adopt Phase 1," said Casey Hashimoto, TID General Manager. "TID and our partners on the Tuolumne put forth a workable solution which could have been implemented immediately and would have produced a greater outcome for native fish when compared to the state's plan."

"The state's plan will result in minimal benefits to fish while severely impacting our communities. That's not something we can allow," TID Board President Charles Fernandes said.

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Turlock Irrigation District

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