



A Public Education Effort of South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts

## Save the Stan: Questions and Answers

### What Is the Save the Stan Effort?

The Stanislaus River, lifeblood of our region, and its reservoirs are being threatened due to a recent federal decision, commonly called the OCAP-BO, or "Biological Opinion" (BO).

### What Is the BO?

The BO, a document by the federal government's National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Fisheries Service (National Marine Fisheries Service or NMFS), was released on June 4, 2009 and created to protect the Central Valley steelhead from the operations of New Melones Reservoir.

### What Is Wrong with the BO?

There is concern that the BO is based on inadequate studies, analysis and faulty science. The physical science shows the BO will severely impact storage in New Melones reservoir and flows and water temperature in the Stanislaus River. The implementation of the BO could kill the very fish it attempts to save, devastate the regional agriculture and curtail recreation on the river and reservoirs. To make our communities aware of this issue, the South San Joaquin and Oakdale Irrigation Districts have launched an information campaign.

### What Do the Districts Hope to Accomplish?

By educating our community about these issues, the Districts hope to gain public support to have NMFS reexamine the BO. The Districts will support legislation that directs the California Department of Fish and Game to eliminate the predatory fish in the Stanislaus River.

### We Need Solutions Now

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### How You Can Support the Stan

You can support this effort many ways. You can log on to [www.SaveTheStan.com](http://www.SaveTheStan.com), email or write your local congressional representatives and senators letting them know your concern about the river and the effect the BO will have on it and our region. Attend community events, write a letter to the editor of your local paper and voice support for modifying the BO and most importantly become informed about the BO and its impacts on our region.