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**Via email: JSimi@waterboards.ca.gov**

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Re: Comments on the CEQA Scoping for the Proposed Basin Plan Amendment to Establish Salinity and Boron Objectives on the San Joaquin River Upstream of Vernalis.

Dear Mr. Simi:

Please note that the Central Delta Water Agency *and* South Delta Water Agency hereby join in the comments submitted on the above-referenced matter by the County of San Joaquin and the San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

Furthermore, it bears re-emphasizing HR 2828 at this time in light of its obvious role and relevancy to the entirety of this process:

“[The Secretary of Interior] shall acquire water from willing sellers and undertake other actions designed to decrease releases from the New Melones Reservoir for meeting water quality standards and flow objectives for which the Central Valley Project has responsibility to assist in meeting allocations to Central Valley Project contractors from the New Melones Project.” (PL 108-361, Section 103(f)(1)(F); 118 Stat 1681, pp. 1694-1695, emphasis added.)

The establishment of salinity and boron objectives *upstream* of Vernalis will go a long ways towards finally bringing about such mandatory, and long past due, decreases in such releases from New Melones Reservoir.

Very truly yours,

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