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State Water Resources Control Board c/o: <u>commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov</u>

Re: Comment Letter - Proposed Bay-Delta Plan Update and draft SED [City of Antioch]

Dear State Water Resources Control Board:

I am providing the following comments regarding the 2016 Bay Delta Plan Amendment & SED on behalf of my client, the City of Antioch. The City is concerned about the following:

- The SED does not fully analyze/model the potential water quality impacts on the City of Antioch.
- The SED does not appear to analyze the impacts of potential upstream increases in agricultural salinity standards in the Southern Delta on Antioch's diversion and water supply. It appears that no analysis was performed to determine the impacts on downstream municipal uses (including the City of Antioch) resulting from such a proposed change in salinity standards (or potential increases in salinity from increased upstream flows from San Joaquin Tributaries). There is no analysis of how such increased upstream salinity would impact downstream municipal water quality when analyzed in the context of the proposed WaterFix Project, which would at times remove higher quality water from the Delta e.g. limiting dilution of increased upstream salinity on the San Joaquin River by through Delta Sacramento River flows.
- Separate private and confidential settlement processes being conducted outside of the authority and overview of the SWRCB addressing flows upstream of the Delta. All such processes should be addressed by the SED and subject to public hearings and comment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

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