

# City of Antioch Testimony to SWRCB

Antioch-234

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# **Summary of Opinions**

- 1: Water was historically fresh at Antioch
- 2: DWR's evaluation of the proposed WaterFix Project is inadequate
- 3: WaterFix will result in substantial changes in Delta hydrodynamics and degradation of water quality at Antioch
- 4: The water quality degradation caused by WaterFix will impact the City's operations
- 5: Compliance with water quality standards is likely to be more challenging in the future, and WaterFix will degrade water quality at the City's intake
- 6: The information provided in the Petition is insufficient for assessing the expected impacts of the WaterFix Project, but it appears that significant water quality degradation can be expected to occur

# Background

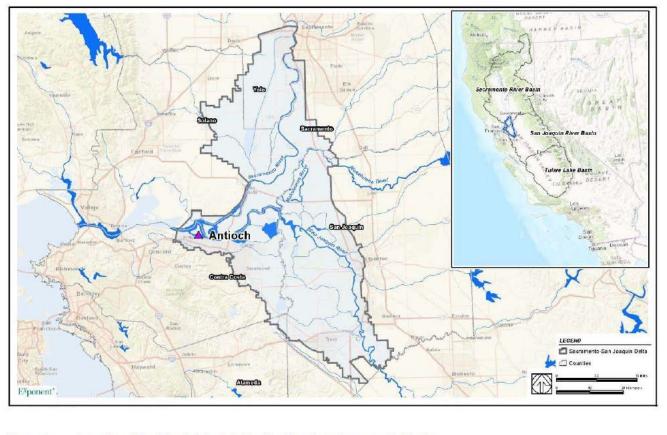


Figure 1 Location of the City of Antioch in the San Francisco Bay area, California.

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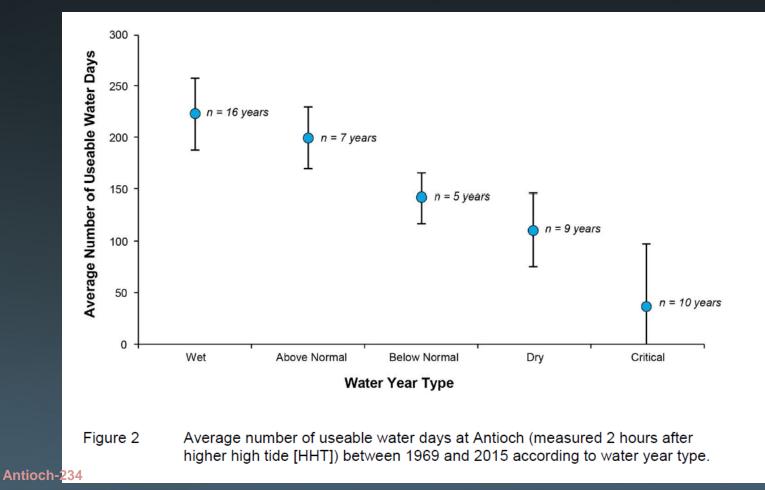
### Table 1. Water quality objectives (WQOs) for municipal and industrial beneficial uses as specified in D-1641.

Compliance Location	Parameter	Description	Water Year Type	Time Period	Value
Contra Costa		Maximum mean daily 150	W		240 days
Canal at Pumping		mg/L CI- for at least the number of days shown during	AN		190 days
Plant #1 <b>or</b> San Joaquin River at	Chloride (Cl-)	the Calendar Year [in the	BN		175 days
Antioch Water	(0.)	"Value" column]. Must be provided in intervals of not	D		165 days
Works Intake		less than two weeks duration.	С		155 days
Contra Costa Canal at Pumping Plant #1, <b>and</b>					
West Canal at Mouth of Clifton Court Forebay, <b>and</b>					
Delta-Mendota Canal at Tracy Pumping Plant, and	Chloride (Cl-)	Maximum mean daily (mg/L)	All	Oct- Sep	250 mg/L CI-
Baker Slough at North Bay Aqueduct Intake, and					
Cache Slough at City of Vallejo Intake					



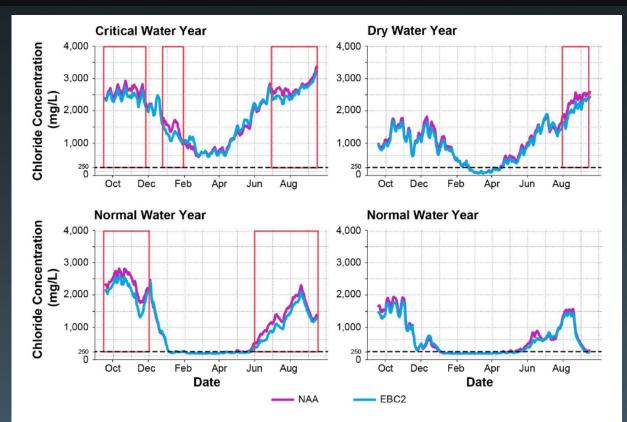


# **Opinion 1: Water was historically fresh at Antioch.**



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### **Opinion 2: DWR's evaluation of the proposed** WaterFix Project is inadequate.



Salinity at Antioch is well represented by the DSM2 model

Figure 3 Concentration of chloride at Antioch's intake as modeled by DSM2 (simulated 2 hours after higher high tide [HHT]) averaged for a given water year type.

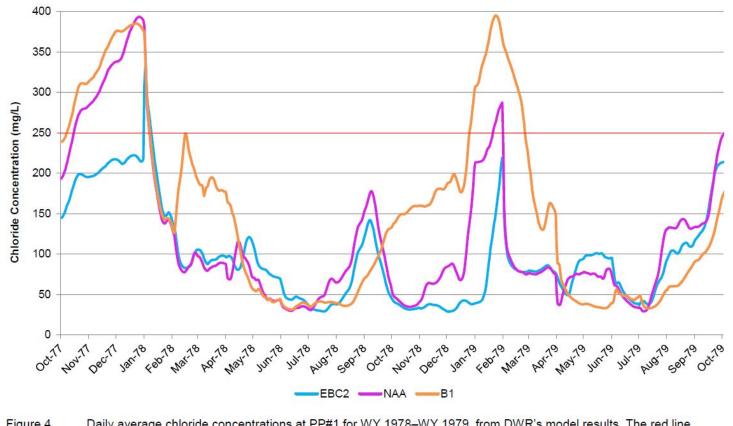


Figure 4 Daily average chloride concentrations at PP#1 for WY 1978–WY 1979, from DWR's model results. The red line indicates the 250 mg/L chloride threshold of D-1641.

**Opinion 3:** WaterFix will result in substantial changes in Delta hydrodynamics and degradation of water quality at Antioch.

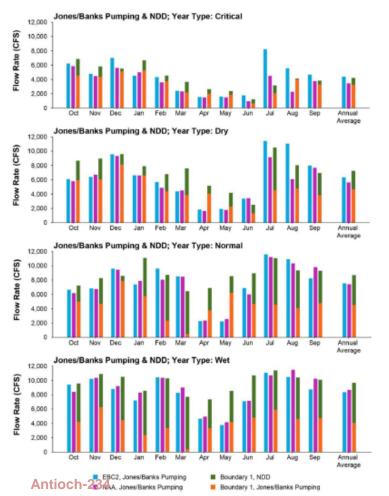
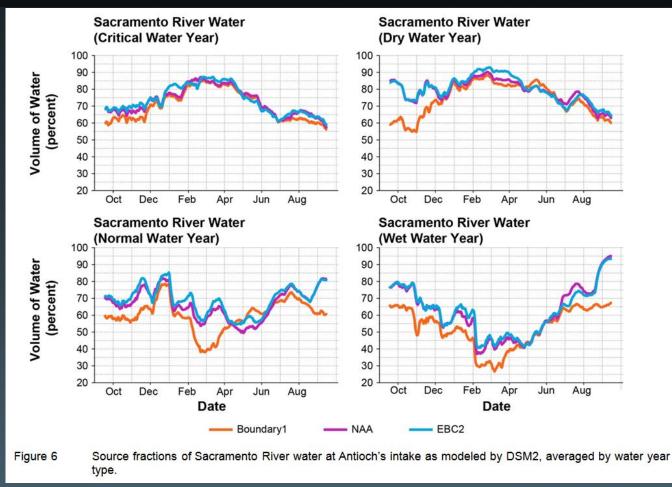
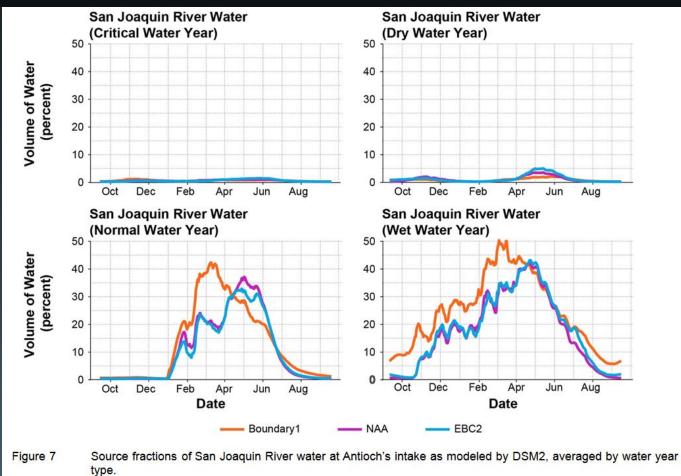


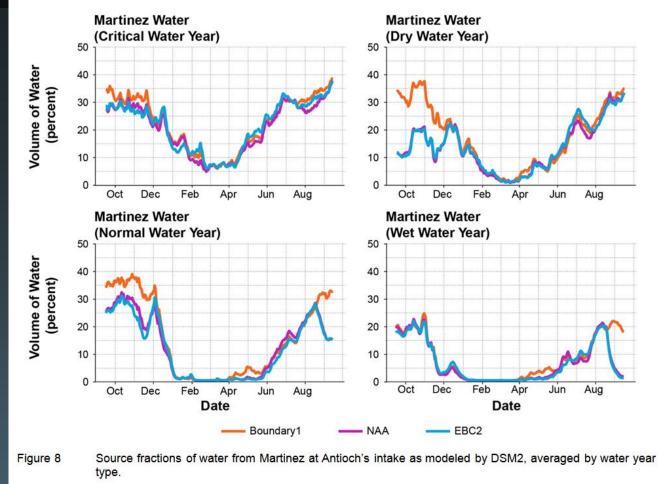


Figure 5 Quantity of water that would be exported from the Delta under the model scenarios EBC2 (existing condition), NAA (no action alternative), and B1 (high export scenario) as modeled by DSM2. Exports in the B1 scenario are divided to show the location from which water was exported from the Delta in the model simulations: either from the South Delta or from the NDD. Results are averaged by water year type—i.e., export quantities were calculated for each month in the simulation period, and averaged by month for each year type (wet, normal, dry, and critical).









### **Opinion 4: The water quality degradation caused by WaterFix will impact the City's operations.**

Table 2Difference in monthly average chloride concentration (mg/L) at Antioch's<br/>intake at slack current after HHT for Scenario B1 relative to existing<br/>conditions (EBC2). Positive numbers indicate an increase in chloride<br/>concentrations for Scenario B1 relative to existing conditions (EBC2).

	Difference in Chloride Concentration (mg/L) between B1 and EBC2 at Antioch					
	Wet WY	Normal WY	Dry WY	Critical WY		
Jan	-2	149	408	380		
Feb	4	9	97	132		
Mar	1	9	46	37		
Apr	27	52	114	113		
May	187	214	123	34		
Jun	205	257	8	-15		
Jul	153	347	121	249		
Aug	272	359	453	381		
Sep	1395	1304	548	339		
Oct	333	969	1895	608		
Nov	223	1381	1596	638		
Dec	12	901	819	410		

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Table 3Number of days per year when water is not useable at the City's intake (i.e.,<br/>when that the chloride concentration at Antioch's intake is greater than 250<br/>mg/L at slack current after HHT), calculated from DWR simulation results.

		Number of Days Chloride > 250 mg/L			
Water Year	Water Year Type	EBC2 <sup>b</sup>	NAA <sup>a</sup>	B1 <sup>a</sup>	
1976	critical	332	340	361	
1977	critical	365	365	365	
1978	normal	204	200	206	
1979	normal	220	220	261	
1980	normal	206	192	226	
1981	dry	280	268	291	
1982	wet	140	118	162	
1983	wet	45	0	65	
1984	wet	131	114	180	
1985	dry	270	280	326	
1986	wet	209	202	239	
1987	dry	286	297	311	
1988	critical	306	325	331	
1989	dry	291	288	299	
1990	critical	356	341	357	
1991	critical	325	326	326	

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016)

<sup>b</sup> EIR/EIS model runs (2013), existing condition model run most representative of current conditions

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	Average Number of Days Chloride > 250 mg/L						
	Water Year Type	EBC2 <sup>b</sup>	NAA <sup>a</sup>	B1 <sup>a</sup>			
	Wet	131	109	162			
	Normal	210	204	231			
	Dry Critical	282 337	283 339	307 348			

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016) <sup>b</sup> EIR/EIS model runs (2013), existing condition model run most representative of current conditions

Table 5	Number of days of water usability at Antioch's intake lost, by water year type,
	compared to existing conditions.

	Number of Lost Useable Water Days Relative to EBC2		
Water Year Type	NAA <sup>a</sup>	B1 <sup>a</sup>	
Wet	22	53	
Normal	6	27	
Dry	-1	24	
Critical	-2	-9	

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016)

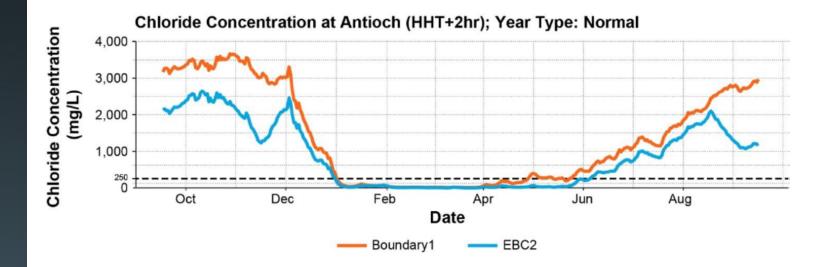


Figure 9 Daily chloride concentrations in water at Antioch's intake location as modeled by DSM2 (at slack current after HHT) and averaged for each day for normal water years.

Table 6	Average number of equivalent days per year Antioch's water treatment plant can use water at the intake (i.e., total amount of time, expressed in days, when water at the City's intake is simulated to have a chloride concentration of less than 250 mg/L) assuming real-time operations.			
	Average Number of Equivalent Water Days per Year			

Water Year Type	EBC2 <sup>b</sup>	NAAª	B1 <sup>a</sup>
Critical	63	66	44
Dry	145	134	102
Normal	188	171	163
Wet	270	265	240

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016)

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	Pu	d Annual Cost urchases by 20 ion dollars in 2	28
Water Year Type (% recurrence)	EBC2 <sup>b</sup>	NAA <sup>a</sup>	B1 <sup>a</sup>
Critical (16%)	\$14.4	\$14.3	\$15.0
Dry (22%)	\$11.2	\$11.6	\$12.9
Normal (33%)	\$8.6	\$9.3	\$9.9
Wet (29%)	\$4.7	\$5.4	\$6.3
Annual weighted average by WYT (2028 \$, millions)	\$9.0	\$9.4	\$10.3
Total purchases over 50-years (2028 \$, millions) <sup>c</sup>	\$435.6	\$458.6	\$501.4
Present value of total purchases over 50-years (2016 \$, millions)	\$305.5	\$321.7	\$351.7

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016) <sup>b</sup> EIR/EIS model runs (2013), existing condition model run most representative of current conditions

<sup>c</sup> Assumes a 3% annual interest rate, 3% discount rate

In 2028 dollars, Antioch expects to pay an additional \$66 million over the 50 years following construction of the WaterFix project (Scenario B1) in addition to the \$436 million they expect to pay under the existing condition scenario (EBC2) as shown in Table 7.

The largest annual increase in water purchase costs that would be expected based on the model results for the simulation period was found to occur during the dry year of 1985. The present value of water that would be purchased if a year like 1985 occurred after implementation of WaterFix is \$6.9 million for EBC2, \$7.5 million for NAA, and \$8.9 million for the B1 scenario.

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**Opinion 5: Compliance with water quality standards is likely to be more challenging in the future, and WaterFix will degrade water quality at the City's intake.** 

Table 8 Number of days in each water year that the D-1641 WQO of 250 mg/L chloride for Municipal and Industrial Beneficial Uses at PP#1 is not met, based on DWR model results.

			Threshold	is <u>Not</u> Met at F	
Water Year	Water Year Type	Total Days	EBC2 <sup>b</sup>	NAAª	B1 <sup>a</sup>
1976	Critical	366	37	0	0
1977	Critical	365	8	50	16
1978	Normal	365	10	87	105
1979	Normal	365	0	17	64
1980	Normal	366	87	57	44
1981	Dry	365	0	0	0
1982	Wet	365	3	12	10
1983	Wet	365	34	0	0
1984	Wet	366	0	0	0
1985	Dry	365	0	0	15
1986	Wet	365	23	26	6
1987	Dry	365	0	0	46
1988	Critical	366	1	4	14
1989	Dry	365	77	106	124
1990	Critical	365	40	60	25
1991	Critical	365	76	107	117

Number of Days 250 mg/L Chloride

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016)

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Table 9Average days per year by water year type that the D-1641 250 mg/L chloride<br/>WQO for Municipal and Industrial Beneficial Uses at PP#1 is not met, based<br/>on DWR model results.

	Average Number of Days 250 mg/L Chloride Thres <u>Not Met</u> at PP#1			
Water Year Type	EBC2 <sup>b</sup>	NAAª	B1 <sup>a</sup>	
Critical	32	44	34	
Dry	19	27	46	
Normal	32	54	71	
Wet	15	10	4	
Average	25	33	37	

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016)

<sup>b</sup> EIR/EIS model run EBC2 (2013), the existing condition model run most representative of current conditions

Number of years in the 16-year modeled record that the D-1641 WQO of 150 Table 10 mg/L chloride for Municipal and Industrial Beneficial Uses is met at Antioch Water Works Intake, averaged by water year type, and based on DWR model results.44

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Water Year Type	Total Years in Each Water Year Type	EBC2 <sup>b</sup>	NAA <sup>a</sup>	B1ª
Critical	5	0	0	0
Dry	4	0	0	0
Normal	3	0	0	0

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016) <sup>b</sup> EIR/EIS model runs (2013), existing condition model run most representative of current conditions

Table 11Number of years in the 16-year modeled record that the D-1641 WQO of 150mg/L chloride for Municipal and Industrial Beneficial Uses is met at PP#1,averaged by water year type, and based on DWR model results.

		Number of Years 150 mg/L Chloride Threshold <u>is Met</u> at PP#1		
Water Year Type	Total Years in Each Water Year Type	EBC2 <sup>b</sup>	NAAª	B1ª
Critical	5	4	3	3
Dry	4	4	3	4
Normal	3	2	3	3
Wet	4	3	3	4

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Table 12Number of days per year in the 16-year modeled record that the D-1641 WQO<br/>of 150 mg/L chloride for Municipal and Industrial Beneficial Uses is met at<br/>PP#1 based on DWR model results. Bold numbers in gray cells indicate that<br/>the threshold criteria were not met.

	Threshold Criteria (days)	Number of Days 150 mg/L Chloride Threshold is Met at PP#1		
Water Year		EBC2 (days)	NAA (days)	B1 (days)
1976	155	291	366	301
1977	155	156	145	112
1978	190	243	239	188
1979	175	338	311	178
1980	190	187	202	242
1981	165	289	281	255
1982	240	299	298	287
1983	240	298	337	365
1984	240	366	357	366
1985	165	310	361	298
1986	240	213	235	254
1987	165	300	365	257
1988	155	217	263	250
1989	165	186	159	209
1990	155	164	165	168
1991	155	159	132	138

Table 13Number of days the E/I ratio exceeds the threshold specified in the D-1641WQOs for Municipal and Industrial Use for the 16-year modeled record, and<br/>overall percent of time in exceedance (in parentheses).

	Number of Days E/I Ratio Exceeds D-1641 Limits <sup>d</sup> (percent time ratio exceeds 35%)				
Scenario	EBC2 <sup>b,c</sup>	NAA <sup>a,c</sup>	B1ª		
Redefined (E/I) excluding NDD flows	481 (8.2%)	349 (6.0%)	270 (4.6%)		
D-1641 specifications	481 (8.2%)	349 (6.0%)	850 (14.6%)		

<sup>a</sup> WaterFix model runs (05/2016)

<sup>b</sup> EIR/EIS model run EBC2 (2013), the existing condition model run most representative of current conditions

<sup>c</sup> Note that the E/I ratio calculations do not change for the NAA and EBC2 scenarios, because the NDD points do not exist for these scenarios.

<sup>d</sup> D-1641 limits Delta exports to 35% of Delta inflow between February and June

(i.e., E/I < 0.35 from February-June), and to 65% of Delta inflow between July and January

(i.e., E/I < 0.65 from July-January).

**Opinion 6: The information provided in the Petition is insufficient for assessing the expected impacts of the WaterFix Project, but it appears that significant water quality degradation can be expected to occur.** 

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