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Dear BDCP/California WaterFix:

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On behalf of Central Basin Municipal Water District (Central Basin) Board of Directors, we would like to provide the following comments on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix (BDCP/WaterFix) and its recirculated draft environmental impact statement/report released on July 10, 2015.

Central Basin relies on State Water Project (SWP) supplies as an important component of its local water supply portfolio. The SWP is uniquely capable of capturing significant quantities of wet-period supplies, allowing the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to store these supplies for use during drought impacted conditions. Were it not for these supplies Metropolitan had stored prior to this historic drought cycle, there would be severe impacts to water shortages. The ability of the SWP to reliably capture wet-period water is at severe risk due to the existing configuration of the pumping system, regulatory constraints and long-term threats due to climate change and catastrophic natural events such as earthquakes and flooding.

Central Basin remains supportive of the recently released proposed configuration of the water supply improvements, which includes new intakes in the northern Delta and would provide the opportunity to divert high-quality supplies and address reverse-flow conditions in the southern Delta.

We appreciate the exhaustive efforts of both the state and federal administrations to advancing this process so that a final project and proposal can be advanced. Again, thank you for your efforts and for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

Robert Apodaca
Robert Apodaca
Board President

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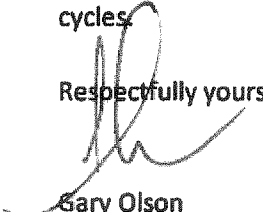
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Dear BDCCP/California WaterFix:

With regards the Bay Delta Conservation Plan/California WaterFix (BDCP/Water Fix), we wish to state our support for Alternative 4A whose objective is to enhance the ability to capture water for drought cycles and protect the supply from natural disasters. We feel this is the proper approach in dealing with the decades old water systems in the Delta which can no longer perform reliably, and which are subject to ongoing outages from seismic activity which could lead to levee collapses.

Water needs for Southern California water require conservation means that will deal effectively with unreliable climate patterns to insure reliable and adequate supplies of water from the State Water. We believe it is vital to adopt a final plan by next year, and hope your Water/Fix Plan will be implemented in order to insure proper amounts of stored water will occur for future needs associated with drought cycles.

Respectfully yours,


Gary Olson
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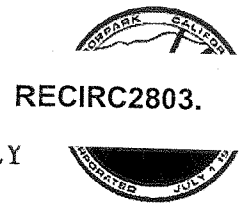
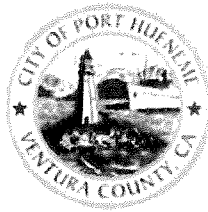
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July 25, 2014

Bay Delta Conservation Plan Comments
Ryan Wulff, National Marine Fisheries Service
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RE: Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan – Public Comments

Dear Mr. Wulff:

The agencies and organizations referenced below, representing a diverse coalition of governmental, business, and agricultural interests in Ventura County, California, offer the following comments on the draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) as released on December 13, 2013.

The State Water Project (SWP) is a vital component of Southern California's water system, providing roughly 30 percent of the region's water needs. However, nearly three-quarters of the annual water demand for an estimated 630,000 water users in southern Ventura County is met with about 110,000 acre feet per year of state water supplies. While many efforts are underway to reduce our service area's imported water demand, including groundwater desalination, recycled water, and conservation programs, state project water will remain an essential water source for our region. It will continue to serve as a primary source for our drinking water supply

and recycled water projects. It is also the single largest recharge component of our groundwater basins following treatment and discharge from local municipal wastewater facilities. Moreover, given its comparatively high quality, it allows greater use of our native groundwater that must be blended with imported water to meet state and federal water quality standards. As such, a reliable supply of imported state water is critical for the future social and economic vitality of Ventura County.

In recent years, both state and federal project deliveries have been repeatedly interrupted and reduced due to operational conflicts with threatened and endangered Delta species. Since 2007, it is estimated that nearly 3.5 million acre feet of water that normally would have been delivered by the SWP was lost due to these conflicts.

Additionally, both projects risk complete failure given the vulnerability of the Delta levee system to catastrophic earthquake and flood events - threatening water supplies for Southern California, the Bay Area, the Central Coast and the Central Valley for many years. These risks are clearly unacceptable, and conditions are expected to worsen with climate change unless steps are taken now to mitigate these concerns.

Southern California ratepayers have been investing in the SWP for more than four decades, and have additionally invested billions of dollars in regional storage and conveyance to allow Southern California to capture water when it is plentiful and reduce demands on imported supplies during dry and critically dry years. These investments are effectively stranded if water deliveries from the SWP continue to degrade.

The proposed BDCP, being developed under provisions of the state and federal endangered species protection laws, is the most promising plan developed to date to solve these challenges and resolve decades of conflicts among agricultural, urban, and environmental water users with a comprehensive solution that achieves California's co-equal goals of a reliable water supply and a restored Delta ecosystem for the benefit of all water users.

The release of the public draft BDCP represents an important milestone in this eight-year stakeholder process. In exhaustive detail, the draft BDCP illustrates the complexity of the problems and the need for a comprehensive approach to resolve conflicts in the Delta through a multi-species habitat conservation plan that protects the state's water resources and infrastructure.

We are supportive of the BDCP's proposed twin-tunnel conveyance system that isolates and protects drinking water supplies and helps restore natural flow patterns in the Delta for the benefit of native species, as well as the complementary habitat restoration, water quality, and predator control measures outlined in the BDCP. We also support the plan's recognition that changing conditions in the Delta will require ongoing scientific review and real-time monitoring so the plan can effectively adapt over time to emerging science and the evolving ecosystem. The draft plan also provides an important framework for a range of operational outcomes and level of certainty necessary for a final plan to merit investment by participating public water agencies and by the state and federal governments.

While key decisions remain relating to specifics on cost allocations, operations, outflow range, financing, and other issues; the current draft details a workable solution to the challenges facing California's water resources and the Delta. The proposed BDCP is the most comprehensive effort ever undertaken to address the chronic water challenges facing the state and federal

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water projects in a manner that is protective of the Delta environment. We remain supportive of the efforts of state and federal water contractors in the development of the BDCP and urge the state to move forward with the draft plan and focus on resolving those remaining issues needed to provide assurances that the plan will achieve California's co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration in a cost-effective manner.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this historic draft plan.

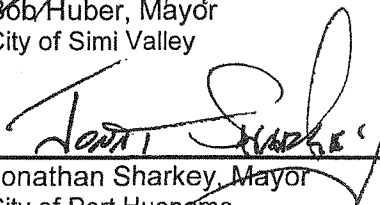
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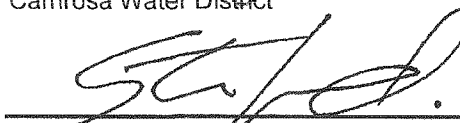
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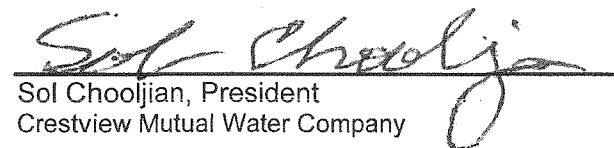
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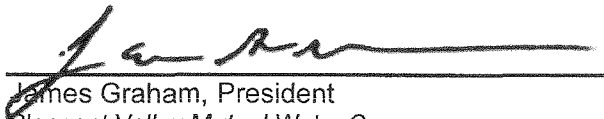
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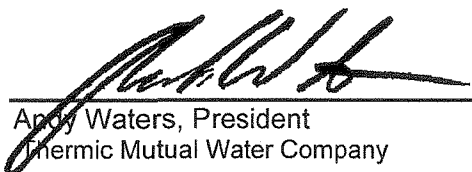
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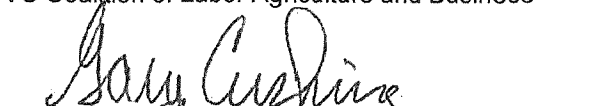
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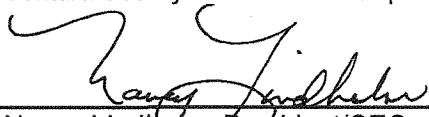
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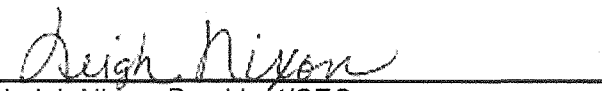
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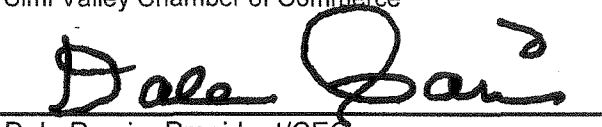
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*El Monte/South El Monte
Chamber of Commerce*

September 21, 2015

BDCP/Water Fix Comments
P.O.Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

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cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the El Monte/South El Monte Chamber of Commerce, we are writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

The recirculated documents are the culmination of nearly a decade of extensive expert review, planning and scientific and environmental analysis by the state's leading water experts, engineers and conservationists, and unprecedented public comment and participation. The California Water Fix (Alternative 4A) reflects significant changes and improvements to the plan to address comments from the state and federal governments and other stakeholders.

We urge the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to move forward to bring the California Water Fix to fruition.

Our state's system of aging dirt levees, aqueducts and pipes that brings water from the Sierra Nevada Mountains to 2/3 of the State is outdated and at risk of collapse in the event of a major earthquake or flood. Problems with this aging system have already resulted in significant water supply cutbacks and shortages for people, farms and businesses, as well as damage to fish, wildlife and the environment.

The California Water Fix will improve our water delivery infrastructure to allow us to responsibly capture and move water during wet years, so that we have a greater water supply during future droughts. The current drought has demonstrated that California's aging water infrastructure is not equipped to handle the regular boom and bust cycles of our climate. With above average rains predicted in the near future, we must move forward with improved infrastructure to capture the water when it's available.

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- Protect and restore wildlife and the environment of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Getting to this point has been a long and thorough process. Now is the time to act and move forward to protect California's water security.

For these reasons, we support the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Sincerely,



Ken Rausch
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

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P.O. Box 1919
Sacramento, CA 95812

cc: Governor Jerry Brown

Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of City of El Monte, we are writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

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Sincerely,



Jesus M. Gomez
City Manager
City of El Monte

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BDCP/Water Fix Comments
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Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

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Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the Central City Association of Los Angeles (CCA), I am writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

Established in 1924, CCA is Los Angeles's premier business advocacy organization, with 450 members employing over 350,000 people in the Los Angeles region. CCA represents a broad swath of the businesses that drive the Los Angeles economy.

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Sincerely,



Carol E. Schatz
President & CEO

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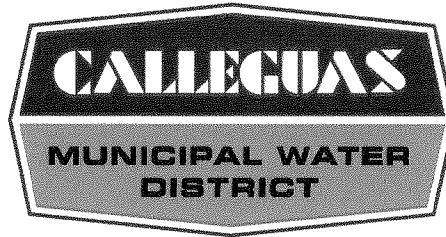
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Subject: Support Alternative 4A of California Water Fix

Dear BDCP/Water Fix Comments:

On behalf of the Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas), we are writing to express our strong support for the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A). The California Water Fix represents a thoroughly vetted, viable plan to fix California's aging water distribution system that supplies water to 25 million Californians and 3 million acres of farmland, while also protecting the natural environment in the Delta.

Since the partial completion of the State Water Project in the early 1970s, Calleguas has been virtually 100 percent reliant on this water supply. As such, resolution of decades-long water resource issues in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is of the highest priority for Calleguas and its 630,000 water users in Ventura County. As evidence of this, in 2014, broad support for the Bay Delta Conservation Plan was fervently expressed in a Ventura County coalition letter signed by 26 cities, agencies, and organizations (attached hereto). We remain steadfast in our endorsement of this effort.

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For these reasons, we urge the Department of Water Resources and the Administration to move forward to bring the California Water Fix to fruition and support the California Water Fix (Alternative 4A).

Sincerely,



Scott H. Quady
President

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