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PRESENTATION TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
BAY DELTA HEARINGS

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Comments of the Stockton East Water District
Responses to key issues identified in the SWRCB Bay/Delta
Workshop Notice:

1. What factors, excluding diversions, contribute to the decline of fish and wildlife resources in the Bay-Delta Estuary?

It is important that the State Water Resources Control Board consider the full range of factors impacting the decline of fish and wildlife resources in the Bay-Delta Estuary. Water right holders in the Bay-Delta Estuary cannot be held responsible for factors which are not related to diversions, as water is in short supply.

While the Stockton East Water District lacks the funding to provide detailed information and research on other factors, common sense as well as prior documentation and studies available to this Board provide background information on numerous factors impacting the decline of fish and wildlife resources in the Bay-Delta Estuary. These include, but are not limited to:

- drainage into the San Joaquin River
- channelization of rivers tributary to the Bay-Delta
- commercial fish harvesting
- predation and unnatural species.

3. What effect do upstream water projects, other than the CVP and SWP, have on the fish and wildlife resources of the Bay-Delta Estuary?

Similarly, this Board must consider the impacts of water projects other than the CVP and SWP on the fish and wildlife resources of the Bay-Delta Estuary. While these projects may be the largest, cumulative impacts must be considered.

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Upstream projects on the San Joaquin River contribute to drainage and runoff which adversely impacts water quality as well as flow in the lower San Joaquin River. In addition, there are numerous projects on tributaries to the San Joaquin and the Sacramento which have tremendous cumulative impacts upon flow in the Bay-Delta Estuary, and which must be considered when the Board is determining how best to mitigate the impacts upon the fish and wildlife resources.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Stockton East Water District

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