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I have a few basic questions that the California Water board seems to not want to answer that I believe need to be answered. I work for MID (Modesto Irrigation District) but I'm asking as a concerned resident of the central valley not as an employee of a water district.

1. Why does the state water resources control board insist on using a document named "Substitute Environmental Document" in place of a full "Environmental Impact Study" to be all inclusive of the entire river system within the central valley?
2. The state water resources board has admitted in public hearings the SED (Substitute Environmental Document) is flawed with multiple gapping errors. As such why does the SWRCB (State Water Resources Control Board) insist going forward with this document with little or no changes.
3. Why is the purported "Twin Tunnel" project by Governor Brown completely ignored in the SED?
4. If the purported "Twin Tunnel" is built as proposed why does the volume of water to be diverted for that project approximately equal the volume water to be claimed in the SED from the three rivers? (Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus rivers)
5. If the SED proposal is designed to increase numbers viable native LSJR watershed fish populations migrating through the Delta, a measly increase of a total of 1,103 salmon for all three rivers using the statistics provide in the SED, why are all other forms of increasing native populations totally banished from the report?
6. The California Water Board's by its own admission can't even provide evidence or science to support the increase of approximant 360 salmon per river (Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus) nor proof that such a plan will change average southern Delta salinity levels. So why again are we using the SED, a horribly faulty document?
7. Below is a statement found on the California Water Board's web site.

"The SED and associated appendices were prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act, the California Water Code and other applicable State and federal requirements and include an analysis of the expected environmental, water supply, economic, and hydropower effects of the LSJR flow and southern Delta salinity alternatives."

Why does the SED only include the following rivers Merced, Tuolumne, and Stanislaus? Why does statement above falsely state to encompass all the Lower San Joaquin River system? The SED excludes all other tributaries including the San Joaquin river itself, why?

Thank you for your time answers in advance.
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