

To:

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Friends of the North Fork ("Friends") has been active in the American River Watershed since incorporating April 2005. Our board members and activists have been active for many years before that in the river basin. In my case, I have been hiking its canyons since 1997 and became active in North Fork protection efforts starting 2004. The CEQA document must describe and address the following items.

- What we understand the chronology of the development of mercury TMDLs has been in California. We believe it is the mercury TMDLs for Clear Lake, the Cache Creek watershed (Cache Creek, Harley Gulch, Bear Creek), the Delta and then the lower American River TMDL that was started and then the many month expansion to include Folsom Lake and tributaries.
- These TMDL efforts are part of the CEQA record of this statewide policy scoping.
- The environmental impact considerations including criteria, and environmental agency including USEPA input that went into each TMDL part including expansion into the America River above Folsom Reservoir of this course of mercury TMDL development.
- Identification of names, job titles and agency locations of the individuals who made the decisions to pursue each decision to pursue development of each TMDL and at what meetings and when these decisions were made.
- The reasons for and the environmental impacts in the American River watershed of the decision to terminate the mercury TMDL in the American River Watershed. Below is a copy of the June 23, 2011 Notice of the July 28, 2011 public workshop and CEQA scoping meeting for the America RIVER TMDL. This meeting was scheduled after a number of months of stakeholder meetings about or in the watershed.
- Each of the planned and started or carried out efforts to proceed with the American River TMDL and the status of these efforts, which one have been dropped and which ones will not be continued as part of this statewide TMDL.
- How this statewide TMDL will reduce and enhance mercury TMDL efforts in the American River watershed.
- How what was done in the American RIVER watershed will contribute to the statewide TMDL program.
- The purpose for and environmental impacts of any limiting definition of the statewide TMDL program such a limiting it to reservoirs.

- Regarding any limitations of the scope or any content, when the limited areas and program would be carried out in the future and the environmental impacts of the delay.
- The funding and other resources necessary to continue American River TMDL development.
- The funding and other resources necessary to carry out a statewide TMDO program that is not limited in the manner for this proposed mercury TMDL program.

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