

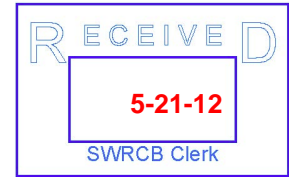
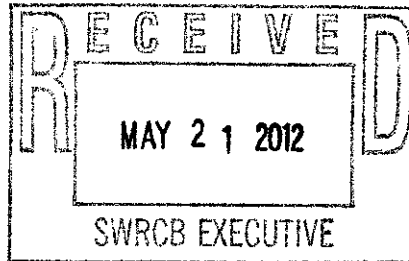


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Re: Comments on the January 24, 2012, Supplemental Notice of Preparation for Environmental Documentation for the Update and Implementation of the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Francisco Bay/Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Estuary

Dear Ms. Townsend:

On April 18, 2012, the Delta Stewardship Council (Council) provided written comments on your Bay/Delta Plan update. During the May 16 scoping meeting on this matter, I presented the Council's comments. There is one element of my presentation that I need to clarify.

During my comments, I mentioned the issue of water scarcity and that the Final Staff Draft of the Delta Plan notes the current over-appropriation of water rights in the Delta. I suggested that the issues of scarcity and over-allocation could be addressed through a statutory adjudication of the water rights in the Delta watershed. I need to clarify that this suggestion of a statutory adjudication does not reflect the position of the Council on this matter.

I apologize for any confusion this may have caused for the Water Board or the other attendees at this scoping meeting. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (916) 445-0143.

Sincerely,


Mark Bradley, P.E.

"Coequal goals" means the two goals of providing a more reliable water supply for California and protecting, restoring, and enhancing the Delta ecosystem. The coequal goals shall be achieved in a manner that protects and enhances the unique cultural, recreational, natural resource, and agricultural values of the Delta as an evolving place."