Dear Hearing Officers,

Save the California Delta Alliance hereby supplements its July 5, 2018, request for DWR to comply with the Board’s April 18, 2018, Ruling by providing detailed information required thereby with regard to barge traffic.

It has just come to Delta Alliance’s attention that DWR has apparently significantly increased the number of barge trips in the Proposed Project without providing analysis or the detailed narrative description comparable to that found in the approved project.

At page 19-1 of the Administrative Draft Supplemental EIR, Figure 19-0 states that the Approved Project would include 11,800 barge trips, and states that this “is approximately the same” for the Proposed Project.

However, the number of barge trips stated in Chapter 19 of the Final EIR was only 5500. (See Final EIR page 19-1, stating that Alternative 4A would require “5500 barge trips.”)

DWR is apparently doubling the number of barge trips without analysis, explanation, or acknowledgement.

Delta Alliance believes that it is only fair to require DWR to provide a definitive statement of the number of barge trips and a narrative description of barge traffic comparable to that provided in the NMFS Biological Opinion section 2.5.1.1.2 (excerpted at SCDA-103.)

The April 18, 2018, Ruling provided that Petitioners provide “information regarding those project changes, at a level of detail comparable to the detail provided in the Biological Opinions” for the WaterFix Project.

Delta Alliance respectfully reiterates its request that DWR provide the information required by the April 18 ruling and that Delta Alliance be allowed adequate time to assess information before it is required to submit written rebuttal testimony, either by the 45 day continuance requested in Delta Alliance’s July 5 motion, or alternatively, by way of a staggered rebuttal presentation.

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