

**Opening Statement – Amy Aufdemberge, Assistant Regional Solicitor
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Good afternoon, Madame Chair and Board Member Doduc. My name is Amy Aufdemberge, I am an Assistant Regional Solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior, here in Sacramento. I will be representing both the Bureau of Reclamation and the Fish and Wildlife Service in these hearings. For Part 1, our witnesses will be from the Bureau of Reclamation who will be testifying along with DWR's witnesses in a single presentation.

I echo the statements of Tripp Mizzell for DWR and add that we believe that the role for the Hearing Officers is to listen and carefully analyze the information and evidence put before you regarding the requested new diversion points. We believe the evidence will show that the requested change to add north of Delta diversion points can be used in conjunction with existing export facilities to improve Delta conditions which can currently result in entrainment of fish at the South Delta pumps, without causing injury to other legal users of water.

That concludes my opening statement.