Jessica Law <jessica@jbenvirocomm.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 06, 2013 1:49 PM

To:

Julie Spezia; Vink, Erik@DPC

Subject:

Re: BDCP document availability in Delta locations

HI Julie and Erik -

Yes, we will have DVDs of the draft documents available at libraries throughout the Delta, with hard copies available at two locations in Sacramento beginning next Friday, December 13. Also, more information on how to view the draft documents, request a copy of the DVD, and how to download the files will be posted to the website early next week. Erik, I'm happy to answer any additional questions that you have. Please feel free to give me a call on Monday.

Best,

Jessica Law, AICP
BDCP Public Outreach Project Manager

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From: Julie Spezia < <u>jaspezia@gmail.com</u>>
Date: Friday, December 6, 2013 11:00 AM

To: "Vink, Erik@DPC" < Erik. Vink@delta.ca.gov >, Jessica Law < Jessica@JBEnviroComm.com >

Subject: Re: BDCP document availability in Delta locations

Hi Erik,

Placing copies of the EIR/EIS in Delta libraries is part of the plan. I am copying Jessica Law on this email so you can direct your suggestions straight to the outreach team.

There are numerous public workshops planned with many in the Delta. We'll be sure to share this info with you when it is released.

Hope you had a good Thanksgiving. All is well in West Davis.

Julie

Julie -- do you know the plan for distributing public copies of the BDCP? I'd like to suggest that copies be made available at Delta-area libraries, if that is not already planned. Can you help me in directing this request to the appropriate person?

thanks, and hope all is well.

Erik Vink | Executive Director

Delta Protection Commission

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erik.vink@delta.ca.gov

Meo, Mark <mmeo@ou.edu>

Sent:

Monday, December 09, 2013 11:14 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP draft plan and BDCP EIR/EIS DVD

Good Day,

I am interested in receiving a DVD of both the BDCP and the EIR/EIS. My mailing address is listed below. I am using the California case as a teaching case this Spring.

Thankyou for your help, Mark

Mark Meo, PhD
Professor, Department of Geography & Environmental Sustainability
Research Affiliate, Oklahoma Climatological Survey
University of Oklahoma
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Norman, OK 73019
Email: mmeo@ou.edu

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Walter Horsting <visionar@comcast.net>

Sent:

Monday, December 09, 2013 11:19 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Commenting on Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan; An Alternate to the Tunnel Plan;

Desalination with low cost power

Attachments:

CA Delta Water Tunnel Th-MSR Desalination alternate essay.pdf

Dear BDCP Comments,

The CA Delta Water Tunnel project needs to investigate alternates to the Tunnel Project such as low cost energy desalination. Please find my attached alternate essay.

Thank you,

Walter Horsting, Principal

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Premise: The State of California should investigate nuclear desalination to meet Southern California's need for drinking and crop water.

Currently the State of CA is planning twin 40′ tunnels that will be bored 150′ below the Sacramento & San Joaquin River Delta. The Tunnels will be between 35 to 40 miles in length depending upon the final planned path. Large tunnel boring machines will be lowered through access shafts and the shafts will be used to remove and deposit tunnel muck across the Delta project. River flow diversions will be from the Sacramento River downstream of Sacramento and, when allowable, 9,000 cfs of river flow (or 744 acre feet an hour) will be pumped through the tunnels. The flows will be nearly doubled during winter flood levels.

Several questions come to mind. Where will nearly 80 miles of tunnel muck go during this multidecades long project? How cost effective will this project be during increasingly-frequent drought years, when no water flow is anticipated? Where will Southern California get fresh water during these droughts (this project doesn't create any new source of comparable water)?

Desalination creates unlimited new drinking water sources for Southern CA. With concerns of earthquakes disturbing water supplies, desalination plants can be distributed to all major cities in costal Southern CA. The existing water project can then focus delivery to the Central Valley farms and cities. Desalination frees the state from drought cycles and lessens the burden on Northern CA and the Delta. Desalination is more affordable given inexpensive energy for plant pumps and processes. In the Middle East, oil and gas have been used to power desalination for decades. The only drawback with Green-Focused policy planners is CO₂ emissions. Oil countries are now moving to displace combustion with nuclear power, both for efficiency and to preserve the income from their remaining fossil-fuel reserves. CO₂ free power must run 24 hours a day and 365 days a year and be very energy dense to produce the volumes of drinking water California requires. This brings us to the Molten Salt Reactor (MSR), perhaps the Thorium solution, and what I call the "Good Reactor".

The MSR is a superior reactor design, developed and operated by ORNL in the 1960s. It can use conventionally processed Uranium, it can use inexpensive Thorium, or it can even consume existing nuclear fuel 'waste', which is not actually waste. Thorium was identified in the 1940s as a superior fuel. In 1962, President Kennedy asked the Atomic Energy Commission to recommend reactor designs for a lasting civilian nuclear-energy program. The AEC proposed both the Thorium and Uranium238 breeding cycles, which make their own fissile fuels inside the reactor itself, and only as much as is needed. The MSR, which was under development at Oak Ridge National Lab as a safer, cleaner and more efficient energy source, was demonstrated as a working prototype, and ready for the next step of using Thorium salt to make such an MSR independent of external fissile sources, and thus disconnected from nuclear weapons..

Unfortunately, the Th-MSR (LFTR) was shelved during the Cold War because it was unrelated to weapons. Fifty years later the world is typically using the Light Water Reactor (LWR) design that has safety issues with its high-pressure water systems, and need for emergency backup power to maintain any shutdown conditions independently of the external power grid. Failures in any

CA Delta Water Tunnel Project Alternative- Thorium MSR Desalination

such key subsystems can lead to core melt downs, fuel damage, hydrogen explosions from water-fuel interactions and even venting of radioactive materials. The standard Uranium LWR fuel cycle also raises issues like nuclear-proliferation and long-term storage of used nuclear fuel. These are some of the reasons why the inventors of the LWR (Weinberg & Murray) worked as to design superior power systems for our civilian reactor fleet.

California's San Onofre LWR is sidelined for a non-nuclear, but water-related safety reason, and Sacramento's Ranch Seco was closed after over a decade of operation, due to safety concerns with its LWR design. California has been substituting mostly combustion power for these 3Gigawatts of clean but troubled LWR power, thus adding to CO₂ emissions and methane emissions from inevitable gas leakage. We've known how to do better with nuclear power for several decades, and other countries do too.

Why is the MSR/LFTR a good fit for California? Why do I call it the Good Reactor? The design work at ORNL focused upon a walk-away safe "can't blow up or melt down design". The design is not pressurized; there is no need for emergency-cooling plumbing, no emergency backup power, and no expensive, vast containment building. The ORNL designs resulted from a contract to develop an atomic-powered plane for the Air Force — by definition, small, reliable and efficient. The core is liquid fluoride salt inert to water and air, with a wide range of thermal stability and much more efficient than an LWR. Because there is no water, there is no possibility of a steam or hydrogen explosion as at Fukushima. This means they can be located near cities. Upon any threatening or thermal event, the Molten Salt Reactor's drains passively open and gravity drains core fuel into underground safety tanks, ready to be reused later. After 4 years of operation, the MSR at ORNL was shut down this way in December 1969. Its fuel salt is still there, in safe, underground tanks, ready for re-melting and re-use. Such passive safety allows these plants to be used in distributed power systems close to power needs.

MSRs also solve the nuclear 'waste' problem in three important ways. First, LFTRs burn about 99% of their fuel, versus only about 4%, compared to an LWR. LWR's solid fuel is poisoned by the very nuclear-fission process that generates power and so must be removed after a small amount is consumed, leaving long- and short-term waste storage problems. The French has long mastered most of this waste problem by processing old LWR fuel into new, but in the US, such activity is politically discouraged. In an MSR, waste is reduced dramatically and, depending on MSR or LFTR design, can be measured in kg rather than tons per GW-year, with no need for storage that must be safe for millennia. These machines also satisfy the growing need for medical and industrial isotopes, because their salts are easily processed as the machines run. The third waste reduction is configuring the MSRs to burn the unspent nuclear fuel waste of our reactor fleet reducing the size and dramatically reducing the environmental impact.

This DoE, 4th Generation reactor is an industrial heat source; its 700-900c operating temperature is more efficient than the much lower water temperature of a LWR. The MSR is the least environmentally impacting, most dense source of energy available. Thorium (or Uranium) used in a Molten Salt Reactor is one million times more energy dense than are fossil fuels; 6600 tons

of Thorium has the energy equivalent of the five billion tons of coal + 31 billion barrels of oil + 3 trillion cubic meters of gas + 75,000 tons of uranium in LWRs used yearly. Solar and Wind need costly energy storage or fossil-fueled peaking plants to run when the sun isn't shining or the wind isn't blowing. For solar to replace the San Onofre's 2.2 GWs of power, over 5,000 acres of desert need to be covered with solar panels and a several large, gas-burning and CO_2 producing power plants built for backup. There is a lot of CO_2 produced and mined minerals used in manufacturing the panels, making concrete, steel and other materials that go into building industrial scale renewable power systems and their long-distance power lines, which waste about 10% of their output power.

China is now on a crash program developing the US's 1960s technology into its 4th Generation Thorium MSR and our US DoE is helping them. They are spending a billion dollars, have hired 180 PhDs and are building a program of about 2000 researchers to complete this vital program for China – China now spends over 3% of GDP on health costs from coal emissions. The bad news for the US is that China will walk away with our intellectual property and own the rights to the US's development of what will be the superior, globally-marketable clean-energy source of this century and beyond.

How can California leverage the Delta Water Tunnel Project funding into a new era?

Let's start with regulations to launching California into a new global business in dense, clean power and inexpensive, clean water. California's scientists and entrepreneurs can help save the US's IP on the MSR/LFTR, assuring our stake in a world market thirsting for abundant, cheap water and power. California schools need to focus on science, engineering and restore vocational training in early school years. Tax reform and regulations encouraging industry will be needed for firms researching and building key technologies. Formation of a Federal Chartered Rare Earth and Thorium Development PPP Bank can be useful for cutting though a slow-to-respond Nuclear Regulatory Agency and Department of Energy.

We can re-tool the recently closed Boeing C-17 plant in Long Beach or a closed military base for the production line building modular MSR/LFTRs and Desalination plants. This is what the French did in the 1970s to eliminate their dependence on fossil fuels via standard, assembly-line-produced nuclear reactors. Boeing produces complex airplanes daily making them very safe and on budget, this should be our goal.

Low-cost of energy equals more disposable income, a higher standard of living and more jobs for CA. Just like the natural gas boom is bringing manufacturing back to the US, MSR energy can bring valuable, advanced industry to the state. The zero- CO_2 process heat of the MSR is perfect for clean steel making, cement production, Carbon-neutral fuels, grey-water to potable water treatment and even garbage to fuel conversion. With distributed power and water production the state will have less impact on its physical environment and one of my wishes fewer bird killing wind mills. We could even return Hetch Hetchy to Nature.

Drock

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CA Delta Water Tunnel Project Alternative- Thorium MSR Desalination

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Rosario C. Kapeller <rosariockap@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, December 09, 2013 11:29 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

DVD

Hello,

RE: If you would like to request a dvd copy of the documents please email a request to BDCP.comments@noaa.gov.

Is there a cost to requesting a copy of the documents via DVD?

Thank you, Rosario

Rosario C. Kapeller Phone (916) 662-6822 Fax (916) 570-3550

RosarioCKap@gmail.com

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Smoot, Todd C <Smoot@sfradio.cbs.com>

Sent:

Monday, December 09, 2013 12:04 PM

To:

'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'

Subject:

KCBS Radio

Hi... It is Todd Smoot at KCBS Radio. I'm trying to reach a media contact with BDCP to arrange an interview on the EIR release, but thee mails for Nancy Vogel and Lauren Bisnet keep bouncing back. Can someone provide me with the contact info?

Thanks Todd

Todd Smoot

Executive Producer Associate Director News and Programming KCBS Radio 740AM 106.9FM 415-765-4112 News Desk 415-765-4056 Office

Norbert Dall <norbertdall@icloud.com> Monday, December 09, 2013 1:49 PM

Sent: To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS: Dec 13, 2013 versions

Dear Colleague,

Please send me a complete printed (or, in the alternative) electronic copy of the referenced two documents, above, at your very earliest opportunity.

The installment manner in which the document subparts have been posted to the DWR web site constitutes an unnecessarily laborious format for downloading, has a substantial chilling effect on public understanding of and ability to comment on the documents, and should be promptly revised to facilitate downloading by larger increments.

Please include a copy of this initial comment in the formal proceedings on these two documents.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Norbert H. Dall
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Advisers and Consultants in Sustainable Coastal Management,
Land Use, and Transportation
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From: Sent: Fo: Subject:	Deanna Sereno <dsereno@ccwater.com> Monday, December 09, 2013 1:57 PM 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov' DVD of public materials</dsereno@ccwater.com>
Hello –	
would like to receive a DVD of the	public draft BDCP and EIR/EIS. My mail address is below.
Additionally, I will be in Sacrament	o on Wednesday, December 11, and would be happy to stop by to pick up a DVD, if available.
Thank you, [*] Deanna	

Deanna Sereno
Contra Costa Water District
P.O. Box H2O | Concord, CA 94524
o: (925) 688-8079 | c: (925) 525-5445

Gene Beley <genebeley@gmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, December 09, 2013 3:18 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

From Gene Beley, Central Valley Business Times

Please send me a DVD of the final EIR/EIS documents to me at:

Gene Beley 6428 Embarcadero Drive Stockton, CA 95219

Thank you.

Gene Beley

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LJ Laurent < ljlaurent@att.net>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 9:07 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP comment

To: Ryan Wulff, Natl Marine Fisheries Svc. DC via Natl. Oceanic & Atmospheric Agency

From: LJ Laurent Dec. 10, 2013

Comment on BDCP, \$25 Billion to move water which will never materialize

It is hard to decide which is a more inane Governor's legacy plan: ruining the Delta to build tunnels for water which will not be there to steal, or the high-speed rail project in the agricultural fields of the Central Valley.

My comment is that the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is actually a plan to DESTROY the Delta for no purpose. Drought and lack of Sierra snowfall is commonplace, and worse each year. What water does the governor plan to put into pipes? How does he view destroying the Delta as a solution to save the Delta?

Putting a major dig in a sensitive place is insane IMO, and it will be for naught in the changing climatic conditions. I am opposed on environmental grounds, and strictly rational and scientific grounds. Stop this proposal now.

LJ Laurent Folsom CA 95630

Woodward, Phil@Waterboards < Phil.Woodward@waterboards.ca.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 9:18 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Request for DVD copy of BDCP

Please send me a DVD copy of the BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS. My address is:

Phil Woodward Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board 364 Knollcrest Drive Redding, CA 96002

Thanks

Philip V. Woodward, C.E.G. Senior Engineering Geologist (530) 224-4853

nhill6@sbcglobal.net

Sent:

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 10:00 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP DVD

Sirs:

Please send me a DVD of the BDCP public review documents as mentioned on the BDCP website.

My mailing address is:

Norman Hill 6419 Woodridge Court Citrus Heights, CA 95621-6126

Thank you.

Norman Hill

James Sherman <james@campsherman.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 10:21 AM

Sent:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Please Send DVD

Please send a DVD to:

James Sherman 126 Trinidad Drive Tiburon, CA 94920

Many thanks, James

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viulyanovacpa <viulyanovcpa@gmail.com> Tuesday, December 10, 2013 11:13 AM

Sent: To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Please send DVD

Hi,

Please send the DVD to:

Lionel Digal 1862 Carlotta Drive Concord, Ca 94519

McEwan, Dennis@DWR < Dennis.McEwan@water.ca.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 10, 2013 12:56 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP dvd

Pls mail a copy of the BDCP and EIR/S DVD to:

Rick Toft Port of West Sacramento 1110 West Capitol Ave West Sacramento, Ca 95691

thanks

Dennis McEwan, Chief Mitigation and Restoration Branch Division of Environmental Services Department of Water Resources

Office: (916) 376-9760 3500 Industrial Blvd. West Sacramento, Ca 95691

Mailing address: PO Box 942836

Sacramento, Ca. 94236

Mike Schiewe <mschiewe@anchorqea.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 12:58 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Request for DVD

Please send me a DVD of the BDCP documents. Thanks.

Michael H. Schiewe, PhD

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right to WATER, SALMON, CAUS ON State and Federal Funding. My splicity was Cultual Hesours This pright will never survice the CEGA/NEDA PROCESS Sincerely Marte V. Rosto are countred other entities which have Water Justs on the Sasuments of iver, Many of Cherry eto and they are Sovereign lations with Davis) is taking Suchas strongly oppose the BX Plan 12/9/13 Why would Northern California with starting in 2012. There Caretinal Cathana / BLM Environtel Planner, I WOODLAND, CA 95695 Gear Hyan, M.V. PROCTUP 732 AND ST Native american orang one I OPPOSE this Bocklan, Ot elsethat lives in Northem Calysma support this feare? to move forward. They have have never taken water from Dative and Historial will NEVER allow this papert anthrolypeal Sites. A promise Cultural Feronces includes DWR the Nature americans to put it plandy ... SUCKS, the Sac Kivia yet.

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Toby Smith <chiptoby@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 6:54 AM

To:

bdcp.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Delta Tunnel plan

Please Please Please DO NOT proceed with the Delta tunnel plan. Our delta waterways are being depleted! Southern California residents should be taxed for local desalination plants.

Hopefully, Toby Smith 1000 E. Woodbridge Road Woodbridge, CA 95258 209 368-7398

Tom Stokely <tstokely@att.net>

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 10:50 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Request for BDCP DVD

I would like a DVD with the BDCP plan and Draft EIS/EIR.

Please mail to Tom Stokely 201 Terry Lynn Ave. Mt. Shasta, CA 96067

Tom Stokely
Water Policy Analyst/Media Contact
California Water Impact Network
V/FAX 530-926-9727
Cell 530-524-0315
tstokely@att.net
http://www.c-win.org

David Simmons < david_simmons@fws.gov>

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 11:13 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

requesting DVD copy

Hello,

I would appreciate receiving a DVD copy of the BDCP documents at the address below. Please let me know if that is not possible, and I will try the download option. If a copy has already been sent to the Ventura office, please let me know, and I will try to track it down here. Thank you.

David

David Simmons - Fish and Wildlife Biologist **US Fish & Wildlife Service** 2493 Portola Rd, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003 805.644.1766 x368

Jessica Law <jessica@jbenvirocomm.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 12:00 PM

To:

bdcp.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Request for copies of DVDs and Highlights documents

Please send the following materials to:

Roberto Valdez 248 Plantation Way Vacaville, CA 95687

10 copies of EIR/EIS Highlights 10 copies of BDCP Highlights 10 copies of DVDs

Thanks!

Jessica Law, AICP BDCP Public Outreach Project Manager

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Einar Maisch <elmaisch@pcwa.net>

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 4:13 PM

To: Cc:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Andy Fecko; Dave Breninger Myth 1 blog post

Attachments:

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Unfortunately your Myth 1 blog post was not a good start. DWR has not yet produced an Operation Plan for the tunnels. And without a valid Operation Plan no one knows how much water is likely to be delivered for export to the State and Federal water contractors by the proposed tunnels.

The modeling that was done for the BDCP EIR assumed that the climate will change, shifting the pattern of seasonal runoff, and sea level would rise by 17 inches by 2060; but that all existing Delta water quality requirements (meaning the location of X2) would remain the same as they are today. The purpose of this modeling was to isolate the impacts of climate change from the tunnels for purposes of identifying the impacts (or lack thereof) of the tunnels on Northern California water users. An understandable objective, but unfortunately the modeling shows that the additional reservoir releases required to maintain X2 with higher sea levels will drain Shasta and Folsom Reservoirs for several months in more than one year in ten. The economic and environmental devastation that would result from frequent and prolonged empty reservoirs throughout northern California would be enormous, but the analysis shows, this is not the fault of the BDCP.

Clever, but the point is that the environmental modeling is not a realistic Operations Plan. An Operations Plan will need to identify changes in regulatory requirements, infrastructure and operations necessary to adapt to climate change while preventing northern California reservoirs from being drained. As yet no one know how this will be accomplished or what the results, in terms of export deliveries will be.

For reference from the Blog Post:

Myth 1: No one knows how much water will be exported under the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. The BDCP would provide approximately 10% more or 10% less than the average annual amount diverted by the federal and state water projects over the last 20 years (see related video clip "How Much Water" here). For even more detailed analysis, please see Chapter 9. The main goal is to modernize a 50-year-old water system that leaves Californians vulnerable to water shortages from court-mandated decisions, earthquakes and other natural disasters.

Einar L. Maisch elmaisch@pcwa.net<mailto:elmaisch@pcwa.net> (916) 425-1894 cell

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GlenCat < glencat73@gmail.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 5:27 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Could you please send me a DVD of the Draft BDCP EIS/EIR

Thanks for the opportunity to get a DVD instead of downloading it via rural slow speed internet.

Please send to:

Glen S. Pearson 20840 Live Oak Road Red Bluff, CA 96080

Thank you and Happy Holidays,

glen

Jessica Law <jessica@jbenvirocomm.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 6:42 PM

To:

bdcp.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Fwd: BDCP Docs

From: M Hardesty < rd2068@cal.net>
Date: December 13, 2013, 4:56:08 PM PST

To: Karla Nemeth < karla.nemeth@resources.ca.gov >

Cc: A Office <rd2068@cal.net>

Subject: BDCP Docs

Karla,

I hope you are breathing a bit easier after the roll-out. Could you arrange to have a 34,000 page (unreal!) CD sent to me at the address below.

Have a nice holiday.

Thanks,

Mike Hardesty Reclamation District No. 2068 7178 Yolano Road Dixon, CA 95620

707 678-5412 (o) 530 219-3265 (m)

eddosharbor@hotmail.com on behalf of Dawn Gulick <eddos@eddosharbor.com>

Sent:

Friday, December 13, 2013 6:52 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Requesting a copy of the DVD

Please send a DVD to

Chris Gulick 19530 Sherman Island E. Levee Rd. Rio Vista, CA 94571

Thank you!

And we appreciate all that you do!!

Linda Sheehan < lsheehan@earthlaw.org>

Sent:

Saturday, December 14, 2013 8:04 AM

To:

Bdcp.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Two BDCP disks

Could you please mail two California Bay-Delta Conservation Plan disks to me at the address below? Thank you very much.

Best regards,

Linda Sheehan

Linda Sheehan

Executive Director
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Fremont, CA 94539
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Isheehan@earthlaw.org

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mary mctaggart <cavelanding@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Saturday, December 14, 2013 11:56 AM

Sent: To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP

Dear NOAA

Please send a DVD of the BDCP Draft EIR/EIS to the following address:

Mary McTaggart 34840 S. River Rd. Clarksburg, CA 95612

Thank you,

Mary McTaggart Resident of Lisbon District

Remolacio, Roger < roger.remolacio@urs.com>

Sent:

Monday, December 16, 2013 11:03 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

REQUEST FOR DVD OF THE BAY DELTA PROJECT

Please provide a copy of the DVD of the Bay Delta Project.

Roger Remolacio PE, CCM URS Corporation 915 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 700 Los Angeles, Ca 90017

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William Brooks

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Monday, December 16, 2013 11:18 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP Environmental Report

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to request a dvd copy of the latest BDCP Environmental Impact Report.

Please send it to: William Brooks, 3241 Becerra Way, Sacramento, CA 95821.

Many thanks, William Brooks

Janet Kellam <janet_kellam@hotmail.com>

Sent:

Monday, December 16, 2013 12:58 PM

To:

bdcp.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan - Comments

The time and money spent on this plan is a total waste.

The proposed project is horrible.

To protect the delta- halt water waste, overdraft, and restore adequate natural flows. Let farmers and others build storage facilities to meet their needs at their locations.

My feelings will be reflected at the polls.

-Janet Kellam

City Clerk <cityclerk@ci.clayton.ca.us>

Sent:

Monday, December 16, 2013 1:13 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Removal from future mailings

Hello,

Can you please remove the following person from future mailings:

Joe Medrano City of Clayton 6000 Heritage Trail Clayton, CA 94517

Thank you,

Janet Brown
Interim City Clerk
City of Clayton
6000 Heritage Trail
Clayton, CA 94517
925-673-7304
cityclerk@ci.clayton.ca.us

Stacy Li <stacyli@sonic.net>

Sent:

Monday, December 16, 2013 3:22 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

DVD request

Please send me a DVD of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan to review.

Stacy Li 1210 Spencer Ave. Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Tim Regan <tdregan@comcast.net>

Sent:

Monday, December 16, 2013 7:59 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

DVD copy of BDCP plan and documents

Dear Person,
Please provide me with a DVD of the BDCP plan and associated supporting reports and documents.
Is there a cost associated with this?
Thank you,

Tim Regan 2132 15th Avenue San Francisco, CA 94116 (415)731-2852 tdregan@comcast.net

Dillon, Marsha J <dillonm@saclink.csus.edu>

Sent:

Monday, December 16, 2013 8:11 PM

То:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP DVD, Request for

I am writing based on your online information to request a DVD of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan. I teach a course entitled California Water Resources (Geography 161) at CSU Sacramento. Thank you.

Marsha J. Dillon Professor of Geography

Department of Geography CSU Sacramento 6000 J Street Sacramento, CA 95819-6003

Chan, Teresa < Teresa. Chan@icfi.com > Tuesday, December 17, 2013 10:12 AM

Sent: To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

bDCF.comments@noaa.gov

Jubject.

FW: Request for BDCP Public Comment Period Time Extension

Attachments:

Time Extension Request.pdf

From: Centerwall, Steve

Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 12:21 PM **To:** Roy, Gregg; Smith, Adam; Chan, Teresa

Subject: FW: Request for BDCP Public Comment Period Time Extension

FYI.

Steve Centerwall | Principal | 916.231.7650 | steve.centerwall@icfi.com | icfi.com | ICF INTERNATIONAL | 630 K Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814 | 916.501.7527 m



Please consider the environment before printing this e-mail.

From: Meral, Jerry@CNRA [mailto:jerry.meral@resources.ca.gov]

Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 11:59 AM

To: bruce@essexpartnership.com; Crothers, Cathy@DWR; Bonham, Chuck@Wildlife; Chuck Gardner

(<u>cgardner@hgcpm.com</u>); Zippin, David; Dawn Bertolani; 'JBEnviroComm'; Jessica Law; <u>jmoose@rmmenvirolaw.com</u>; Nemeth, Karla@CNRA; Moon, Laura <u>K.@DWR</u>; Marc Ebbin; Cowin, Mark@DWR; Morrow, Michelle@DWR; Helliker,

Paul@DWR; Centerwall, Steve; Wilcox, Carl@Wildlife

Subject: FW: Request for BDCP Public Comment Period Time Extension

First of many.

From: <u>Troutnk@aol.com</u> [mailto:Troutnk@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2013 11:58 AM

To: Meral, Jerry@CNRA; Samuel.Rauch@NOAA.gov; Gary Frazer@FWS.gov; Will.Stelle@noaa.gov; mlconnor@usbr.gov;

Perciasepe.Bob@EPA.gov

Subject: Request for BDCP Public Comment Period Time Extension

Please see the attached letter request for a time extension for the BDCP documents review.

Nick Di Croce, Co-Facilitator Environmental Water Caucus 805-688-7813 Home Office 805-350-8898 Mobile troutnk@aol.com www.ewccalifornia.org

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2179 Holly Lane Solvang, CA 93463 www.EWCCalifornia.org

November 21, 2013 (via email)

Samuel D. Rauch Administrator for Fisheries NOAA Fisheries Service

Gary Frazer
Assistant Director-Endangered Species
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

William W. Stelle, Jr. Acting Regional Administrator NOAA Fisheries Service

Subject: BDCP Comment Review

Michael L. Connor
Deputy Secretary
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Bob Perciasepe Acting Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Jerry Meral Deputy Secretary California Resources Agency

Based on the expected volume of the 25,000 or more pages of BDCP documents which are scheduled to be released on December 13 with a 120 day public review period, we believe that review and preparation of formal response comments will be an impossible task. Additionally, NEPA regulation 40 CFR 1502.7 declares that the text of an EIS for "proposals of unusual scope or complexity shall normally be less than 300 pages."

25,000 plus pages would require more than 200 pages per day to be covered, counting every Saturday and Sunday, and including Christmas, New Years, Presidents' Day, and Martin Luther King's Birthday. If the BDCP draft plan and EIS/EIR documents are a similar size, this estimate would double. Moreover, reading the enormous mass of material is just the beginning; the commenter must take notes on what has been read and then relate the portions of the Plan to the portions of the Draft EIR/EIS, and then review requirements applicable to EIRs and EISs. Finally, the commenter must then prepare and revise meaningful comments. It is impossible for organizations interested in thoughtfully responding to these BDCP documents to be staffed for a thorough NEPA/CEQA review.

The EWC and its 33 grassroots members respectfully request that the period be extended beyond the currently planned 120 days of public review, based on the size estimate of the documents you will release in December.

Co-Facilitator

Mich Di Croce_

Enos, Cassandra@DWR < Cassandra. Enos@water.ca.gov>

Sent:

Tuesday, December 17, 2013 12:47 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Cc:

Jessica Law

Subject:

FW: question on modelling from Flood Board member

From: clyde macdonald [mailto:clydewallace2@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2013 7:10 PM

To: Meral, Jerry@CNRA **Subject:** question

Jerry,

Could you ask this question of the hydraulic modelers and then let me know the answers?

In the BDCP "no project" analysis, what are you assuming for current diversions from the American River and the same in 2060, or whatever future date you are using?

Thanks Clyde

Michael Jackson <mjatty@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 9:06 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

DVD of BDCP plan

please send a copy of the DVD for the plan to Michael Jackson at p.o. Box 207, Quincy, Ca., 95971. Thank you.

Dennisfisher <dennisfisher@frontier.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 10:09 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Comment

In the interests of accuracy and transparency, please change the name of the plan from:

Bay Delta Conservation Plan to:

Bay Delta Destruction and Water Theft Plan.

In the interests of democracy, please require a public vote on the proposal.

Reference:

http://baydeltaconservationplan.com

Thank you.

Dennis Fisher

kathleen payne <kathy.payne97@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 10:38 AM

То:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

tunnels

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a resident of Northern California and am extremely concerned about the proposed tunnels to restore the Delta and transport more water to Southern California. I believe the Delta has been degraded by years of water diversions; the fish and other wildlife are endangered because of the existing pumps, screens and salt water intrusion.

The proposed tunnels and related infrastructure are estimated to cost \$25 Billion, an astronomical price tag. Has there been any thought to building several desalinization plants along the coast to bring water to the San Joaquin farmers and Southern California cities? If such projects were built, the Delta would be restored through the increased water flows and the removal of pumps and screens. This sounds like a simple solution and I can't imagine the price tag and the disruption to property rights and values would be more than the current estimate of \$25 Billion. Conveyance pipes would have to be built across private property, but those owners could be compensated.

Yours truly,

Kathy

Kathy Payne
Please note my new email address
kathy.payne97@gmail.com

Judy Marks <JMarks@colfaxrancheria.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 11:47 AM

To: Subject: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Attachments:

Comment on Bay Delta Conservation Plan comments on Bay Delta Conservation Plan.pdf

Sincerely,

Judy Marks

Secretary
Colfax Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe
P.O. Box 4884
Auburn, CA 95604
Home (916) 434-7876
Cell (916) 580-4078
http://www.colfaxrancheria.com

COLFAX TODDS VALLEY CONSOLIDATED TRIBE P.O. BOX 4884 AUBURN, CA 95604



BDCP Comments, Ryan Wulff, National Marine Fisheries Services 650 Capitol Mall Suite 5-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

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COLFAX-TODDS VALLEY CONSOLIDATED TRIBE



Post Office Box 4884 Auburn, CA 95604

STEVEN
PROUT
VICE CHAIR

JUDITH MARKS SECRETARY WILLIAM MARKS TREASURER CLYDE PROUT III MEMBER

December 19, 2013

BDCP Comments, Ryan Wulff, National Marine Fisheries Services 650 Capitol Mall Suite 5-100 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear BDCP Comments, Ryan Wulff, National Marine Fisheries Services:

The Colfax Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe is a tribe of federally unrestored Miwok and Maidu peoples whose ancestry derives from aboriginal roots specifically from portions of Sacramento, Placer, Nevada, Sutter and Yuba Counties. As you may be well aware, these counties are dotted well with springs, streams, creeks, lakes and rivers which have historically brought our people many things; the most important being that of plain pure and simple existence.

It is our wish to inform you on behalf of ALL of our people that our water is held in a most sacred manner. That what you are proposing in light of needs of many of those who feel entitled to use this sacred water for the sake of their own prosperity is outrageous and unacceptable to us. Not only does it disturb the waterways but the life that exists within it (fish habitat, native plants and all water thriving entities) all of which are alive in some form to us and will be devastating and will certainly have an adverse effect on our generations to come and have negative effects our culture. Traditional ceremonies, food and medicine to name a few will be forever changed.

Basis of facts are simply this:

http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/AboutBDCP/YourQuestionsAnswered.aspx states that:
 "The existing operation of the SWP/CVP pumps in the southern Delta can cause or increase a reversal in river flows, potentially altering salmon migratory patterns and contributing to the decline of sensitive fish species such as the delta smelt".

To our people, this is not an acceptable manner at which to "BALANCE" water usage and habitat. Man cannot "BALANCE" whatever he wishes and ignore impacts!

2. http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/AboutBDCP/YourQuestionsAnswered.aspx states that: "Operation of the BDCP water delivery system could not drain the Delta Rivers and channels dry. The BDCP only would be permitted to operate with regulatory protections, including river water levels and flow, which would be determined based upon how much water is actually available in the system, the presence of threatened fish species, and water quality standards".

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VICE CHAIR

JUDITH MARKS SECRETARY WILLIAM MARKS TREASURER CLYDE PROUT III MEMBER

Water Delivery Systems regulated by and for the specific use of water needs has historically never met the needs of ALL affected. Dams created for hydro power have all but limited and extinguished salmon migratory routes for decades now. By "regulating water flow" you are disturbing and destroying the natural living plant life in and around the water way and taking nature's own abilities out of the equation. Secondly, Fish regardless of its endangered or threatened status are of equal importance to us! There will be fish species treated as such according to your statement.

3. http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/AboutBDCP/YourQuestionsAnswered.aspx states that: "Mitigation required to offset the direct and indirect effects of construction activities and operation of the water facility will be funded by state and federal water contractors".

The "Mitigation" as it is referred to is a project alone that seeks to "restore" what has been tampered with by the project at hand. All affects would be direct effects and in most cases not ones that are reversible. Construction activities of any kind we view as dangerous to ALL natural habitats.

4. http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/AboutBDCP/YourQuestionsAnswered.aspx states that:
"The BDCP conservation measures include actions to improve flow conditions, increase aquatic food production, restore habitat for covered species, and reduce the adverse effects of many biological and physical stressors on those species. The BDCP also recognizes the considerable uncertainty that exists regarding the understanding of the Delta ecosystem and the likely outcomes of implementing the conservation measures".

If the BDCP recognized that considerable uncertainty exists regarding understanding the Delta ecosystem and the likely outcomes of the conservation measures, we simply have to again wonder why and strongly disagree with this concept that it is an acceptable way of changing a living flourishing environment to provide water supply to whom? And for what reason? In our eyes, for the purpose of again causing irreparable damage to the water and all that lives within it.

The commentary here for the tribe could go on and on, but in case you're wondering what our opinion is on this project, we have no qualms about telling you that we are definitely AGAINST it. Please DO NOT allow this project to continue. It will be with GREAT impacts to all for many generations to come should this occur.

Sincerely,

Pamela Cubbler Chairwoman of the Colfax Todds Valley Consolidated Tribe

hotmail_574e4b1a61e8d669@live.com on behalf of Reuben Childress

<reuben@foothillconservancy.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 12:13 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Request for DVD of BDCP EIR

Hi I was hoping to request a DVD of the BDCP documents and recently released EIR. Please send to:
Reuben Childress
PO box 1255
Pine Grove CA. 95665

Thank you, Reuben Childress

Reuben Childress

Watershed Conservation Associate
Foothill Conservancy
PO Box 1255
Pine Grove CA. 95665
209.295.4900

Al Herson hersona@comcast.net

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 2:01 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Please send me a DVD of the Public Draft BDCP EIR/EIS

Thank you.

Al Herson 15 Willow Cove Court Sacramento CA 95831

kristi bevard < kbevard@gmail.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 2:58 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Request Copy of Documentations DVD

To Whom It Concerns,

Please send to me at your earliest convenience any and all documents relating to and available for public review on the BDCP and any EIR/EIS which is in document form to:

K. Bevard P.O. Box 306 Lewiston, California 6052

With Best Wishes for a Wonderful Hoilday

Kristi A. Bevard

cecily86032@gmail.com on behalf of Cecily Smith <cecily@foothillconservancy.org>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 3:01 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP DVD request

Could you please send me a DVD of the draft BDCP EIR at address below?

Thank you.

Cecily Smith
Executive Director
Foothill Conservancy
PO Box 1255
Pine Grove, California 95665
209.295.4900
www.foothillconservancy.org

The Foothill Conservancy's mission is to protect, restore, and sustain the natural and human environment in Amador and Calaveras counties for the benefit of current and future generations.

Joseph_Rizzi <Joseph_Rizzi@sbcglobal.net>

Sent:

Wednesday, December 18, 2013 9:36 PM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Natural Desalination would bring new rivers of fresh water to California - Ending

Droughts and help bay quality

Attachments:

End Droughts with Natural Desal.pdf

Lets end droughts and help bay quality by considering a new form of Desalination?

Not Desalination / <u>Natural Desalination</u> \leftarrow eliminating all issues with traditional Desalination by using RO and natures forces to desalinate ocean water and convey it to shore.

Attached is a presentation on utilizing "Natural Desalination" to solve California's Water issues. This process was sent to be patented and let it go, so that no one would profit from it. J. Rizzi's gift to California and the world.

Natural Desalination uses **ZERO** man made energy to desalinate new **RIVERS** of water with little to no environmental issues.

- Ocean water needs 1,000 psi to desalinate water using Reverse Osmosis (RO).
- Off shore at ½ mile under the water you get 1,000 psi for the outside of a RO tubes.
- A flexible air pipe from the surface down to the RO system would bring air and 0 psi pressure to the inner part of RO tubes.
- The difference between the RO outside pressure and inside pressure gives a constant 1,000 psi
- Constant free flowing salt free water flows into the RO tubes which can be collected and sent back to shore
- Gravity would carry the water to shore in a pipeline or tunnel.
- Once at shore the water would be lifted for use or put in aqueduct or other transportation systems.

Advantages of *Natural Desalination:*

- Can supply all of California with drought resistant water supply for crops and people.
- No brine because only water is taken from the ocean, located far off shore an near the ocean floor helps too.
- Large area for RO system for expansion with no impact to coastal residents.
- Little to no impact to ocean, plants or sea creatures; and no shipping hazard, due to location and design.
- Side benefit of increased water would be more farming, increased economic, more oxygen, cleaner air, etc..
- Droughts, Delta, water quality, sea level rising and many other water issues can be decreased or eliminated.

More details available upon request.

Joseph Rizzi -- Cel: 707-208-4508 -- Email: Joseph Rizzi@sbcglobal.net

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Ocean Floor Desalination

Zero energy for desalination and conveyance to shore

by Jaseph Riggi

Reliable supply – no droughts

• Low cost \$\$\$

Environmentally friendly

Extract and re-pressurize for state.

Easily expandable and repeatable.

structure for natural desalination Ocean Floor one atmosphere



Pipeline connected to tank.

Tank has flexible pipe to surface.

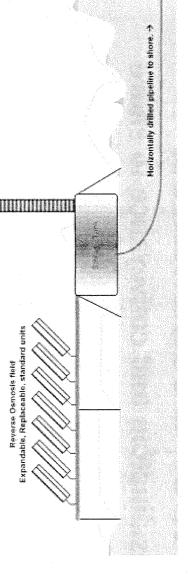
Tank is at one atmosphere.

 Reverse Osmosis (RO) field is higher than tank and connected to tank to create pressure difference for RO and gravity conveyance into tank.

• Gravity conveyance from tank to shore.

RO field expandable to limit of shore pipe.

RO units standard.



Patent FREE by Joseph Rizzi

- Located miles from shore makes the water supply less polluted by man kind.
- Constant supply year round.
- gravity conveyance via horizontal well bore(s). Transported to shore and/or inland via FREE Wells connected for long distances.
- Terrorist resistant by being under.
- Unlimited drinking water can be supplied.

Low cost \$55

- Ocean floor site would have less issues than site on land and more expansion opportunities.
- Standard design brings down costs.
- Totally automated, few moving parts (valves).
- Maintenance (of filters) weekly or monthly.
- Remote monitoring.
- Automated fault (high volume) shut off valves.
- New stream source of endless desalted water.

- Construction offshore, so site is easy to find and procure.
- No Visual Blight.





Farming could increase with added endless water supply, which in turn would reduce green house gasses.

New supply means healthier Sacramento delta.

Fish and other ecosystems improve due to less diversions.

Public health improves with consistently better water.

Extract and re-pressurize for state.

Send salt free water to shore. Lifted and re-pressurized for distribution to city water treatment facilities and/or other conveyance distribution systems.

Connect cities via horizontally drilled pipelines.

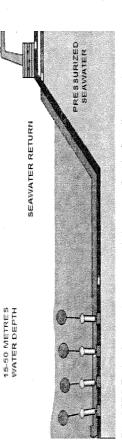
Patent FREE by Joseph Rizzi

Easily expandable and repeatable.

- Standard Reverse Osmosis (RO) units.
- Connect as many RO units for volume desired.
- Zero energy costs.
- Ocean is constant & quality consistent.
- Horizontal drilling has been around & accurate.
- Automatic valves can insure quality by shutting off flow if excess water flow in pipes (by leaks).
- pressure differences, should not be a shipping Flexible air pipe to surface, that helps create problem since it would move aside if hit.

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Ocean power by CETO Wave Power to pump desalted water to surface?



from sea shore to city water processing plants Other Wave, Wind, Solar and Tidal power are or to other conveyance like delta aqueduct also readily available to make conveyance totally green and renewable.

CHARLES A STRICKLAND < charlesastrickland@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 5:20 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

Tunnels

Please send me a draft BDCP and BDCP for the proposed tunnels.

Charles Strickland P.O. Box 2108 Brentwood, Ca 94513

Troutnk@aol.com

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 9:15 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov; jerry.meral@resources.ca.gov; Samuel.Rauch@NOAA.gov;

Gary_Frazer@FWS.gov; Will.Stelle@noaa.gov; mlconnor@usbr.gov;

McCarthy.Gina@EPA.gov

Subject:

Public Review and Comment Period Time Extinsion Request

Attachments:

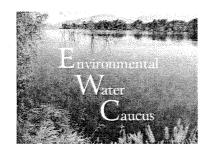
Time Extension Request December.pdf

Attached is a request from the Environmental Water Caucus for an extension of the public review and comment time period.

A prompt response is requested.

Nick Di Croce, Co-Facilitator Environmental Water Caucus 805-688-7813 Home Office 805-350-8898 Mobile troutnk@aol.com www.ewccalifornia.org

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2179 Holly Lane Solvang, CA 93463 www.EWCCalifornia.org

December 19, 2013 (via email)

Samuel D. Rauch Administrator for Fisheries NOAA Fisheries Service

Gary Frazer
Assistant Director-Endangered Species
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

William W. Stelle, Jr. Acting Regional Administrator NOAA Fisheries Service

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Michael L. Connor Deputy Secretary U.S. Bureau of Reclamation

Gina McCarthy Administrator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Jerry Meral Deputy Secretary California Resources Agency

Subject: BDCP Public Review and Comment Period Time Extension Request

You may recall that in a November 21 letter to you, prior to the December 13 release of the BDCP Draft Plan and EIR/EIS, we requested that the public review and comment period be extended beyond the planned 120 days, based on the anticipated 25,000 page estimate of the BDCP documents. We have now determined that there are 40,214 actual pages of the released documents and we request that you extend the public review and comment period for at least 120 additional days, due to the extraordinary size of the documents to be reviewed.

Based on the dictated 120 day review time period, the public is being asked to review 473 pages of technical and scientific material per day during the 85 working days that are available during the public review and comment period. Additional time would be required to understand, research, and prepare comments on the voluminous documents. The BDCP web site provides instructions that: "Comments should identify the specific part of the document at issue and should include supporting evidence and facts."

As we pointed out in our previous request, NEPA regulation 40 CFR 1502.7 declares that the text of an EIS for "proposals of unusual scope or complexity shall normally be less than 300 pages." As we also stated in that previous letter, it is impossible for organizations interested in thoughtfully responding to these BDCP documents to be staffed for a thorough NEPA/CEQA

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review based on the outlandish size of the documents to be reviewed. Moreover, individual members of the public attempting to comprehend and comment on the BDCP documents would be overwhelmed. It is worthwhile noting that these documents represent 20% more pages than the 32 volumes of the last printed edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Therefore, the EWC and its 33 grassroots members respectfully request that the public review and comment period be extended for an additional 120 days, until August 15, 2014, based on the size of the actual documents you released on December 13. Without such additional time, the public's essential role in the NEPA process of commenting on the agencies' findings contained in the BDCP's environmental review documents will be severely constrained.

Co-Facilitator

Mick Di Croce_

Julianne Phillips <jphillips@sjfb.org>

Sent:

Thursday, December 19, 2013 10:03 AM

To:

BDCP.comments@noaa.gov

Subject:

BDCP EIR DVD

This is a formal request for a disk of the report on behalf of the San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation.

The disk may be sent to

San Joaquin Farm Bureua Federation

c/o Julianne Phillips

3290 N. Ad Art Road

Stockton, CA

95215

Thank you for your expiditious attention to this matter, if you encounter any issues please contact the SJFB office at (209)931-4931.

Julianne Phillips

Program Director

San Joaquin Farm Bureau Federation