

From: Bonnie Blessing <bonnie.blessing@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 7:47 AM
To: 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: Western pond turtle

At this time, I have two comments:

I noticed the Western pond turtle was identified as federally threatened in your BDCP Executive summary Public Draft November 2013.

I thought it was not federally threatened.

(This was observed in the glossy 107 page publication with the Executive Summary).

2. I noticed the turtle will be protected by preventing disturbance in grassland habitats. However, without continual habitat maintenance, Can you ensure prevention of vegetation succession to shrub on the grasslands (to ensure perpetuation of adequate short grassland habitat for turtle egg deposition)

Bonnie Blessing
Olympia, WA

From: Costantino, Raymond@DPC <Raymond.Costantino@delta.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 1:25 PM
To: 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: Question

I am trying to find a comment letter submitted by the Recreational Boaters of California (RBOC), but I don't see it under the BDCP correspondence section. Can you direct me to it? Is there another section where comment letters are archived, other than the correspondence page?

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From: robindurston@comcast.net
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 9:50 PM
To: 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: Public Comment on the Bay-Delta Plan

Your name of Conservation is a misnomer. Your not doing any conservation plan when your applying for Take Permits of endangered species. Your plan would be beneficial if you were going to increase flows of fresh water into the Delta, so the fish can spawn and reproduce. If you pump out all the water in the Delta, the salt water will come in and that will be the end of the Delta. You don't care anything about Conservation. All you care about is pumping water down to the Westlands Water District, so they irrigate the desert, and to the Kern County oil fields, so they use the drinking water to drill for oil. It is our right to have water as human beings. Taking our water will be death to us and the family farms, animals and fish. The Westlands Water District gets the water for a pittance and charges the people of Southern CA a fortune for it. We need to preserve the Delta just as it is for future generations, not as a conveyance. You cannot command nature to fit your conveyance.

Robin Durston

From: Rose, Cindi <Cindi.Rose@tetrattech.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 5:07 PM
To: 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: Request for BDCP dvd

I would like to request a dvd copy of the draft BDCP and associated draft EIR/EIS. Please send to:

Tetra Tech Inc. (Attn: Cindi Rose)
1999 Harrison Street, Suite 500
Oakland, CA 94612

Thank you!

Cindi Rose | Ecologist/Sr. Project Manager

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From: Dan Smith <dan555smith@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 2:46 PM
To: 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: Chapter 8 Construction costs 8.3.4.1.1

Good afternoon,

First I would like to applaud you who have put together this very vast plan to create the BDCP. After reading through the expected costs, in table 8-42, it shows a huge amount of remaining costs. I know that you are seeking a lot of federal and state money for this project. Ambitious as it is, there is a major flaw to the whole thing. No water is saved or created in this plan.

I believe the amount of money in your proposal would be best used for desalinization as 100 Billion without inflation or cost overruns and the BDCP still doesn't make any new water. A company called Poseidon Resources was to build a \$900 Million Desalinization plant. They withdrew because not of finances but because of protesters. We could build 100 of them to fill reservoirs any time their is additional need for water with the costs you have proposed. If public funds are used, I believe I am with the desalinization rather than these tunnels.

http://la.curbed.com/archives/2013/11/huge_huntington_beach_desalination_plant_proposal_stalls_out.php

Thank you,

Dan Smith
2610 King Richard Drive
El Dorado Hills, CA 95762

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Graser-Lindsey <egraserlindsey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 7:29 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

Feb 3, 2014

Mr. Ryan Wulff, NMFS
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Sacramento, CA 95814

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.Each part of the state needs too learn to live within its means. You can't keep a desert filled with millions of people each taking showers each day and watering lawns without causing harm to the areas that are provding the water.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

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Sincerely,

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Beavercreek, OR 97004-7616

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Francesca Reitano <freitano@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 8:55 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
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.We need to limit growth, we need smart growth, we need population control. Homes and business should not be built where there is not sufficient water. We do not need to send our water to nut farms that require water 365 days a year and are exporting the majority of their crops to China.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Francesca Reitano
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Sacramento, CA 95817-1633

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Eugenia Larson <eklarson@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 03, 2014 10:55 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
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.This project goes AGAINST all previous attempts to mitigate the loss of Northern California water piped to Southern California. It would be extremely detrimental to the work being done currently to conserve water, prevent the continued decline in various fish species and would continue the high levels of salinity in San Francisco Bay and Delta. California CANNOT afford to build more dams or increase the size of existing dams such as Shasta! Instead we need to educate the public in how to conserve more water, take care of our endangered species in the Bay and Delta, and preserve our existing structures.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Eugenia Larson
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From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Jon Selbicky
<jselbicky@comcas.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 04, 2014 11:27 AM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
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I live in Monterey CA. We have been practicing water conservation since at least the droughts of 76& 77. Do the people of southern California really know how to conserve water? When I have asked friends and relatives that live there what they do to conserve water they say they do nothing. Why should people who do nothing to conserve water be given more. The first thing that needs to be done in this drought stricken times is for all of California to REALLY address water conservation. When southern cal gives up some lawns and pools to show they really want to conserve I think you might find out they probably already have enough water. Your first priority should be to protect the Sacramento River Delta. You don't do that by diverting it to people that know nothing about water conservation. That water source is already overdrawn to a point that leaves the Delta in a crisis. Do the right thing and make southern cal accountable for Not conserving water.

Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Mr. Jon Selbicky
238 Dundee Dr
Monterey, CA 93940-5419
(831) 224-2281

From: David Ramme <hrlydaveson@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 08, 2014 4:11 PM
To: 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'

why are the existing diversion pumps not scheduled for removal if and when the tunnels are built? It is hard to trust the government on this issue since they can't seem to stop the fish kills by the pumps. Instead they place blame on the striped bass and the Sac County treatment plant. Why not send the treatment plant's water south eliminating the high cost to upgrade the facility at a high cost to us in Sac County? Why was one board member fired when she went public with the truth, the diversion pumps were the main killers of fish? We are supposed to trust the government but why should we? They have been less than truthful about the decline in fish populations and went behind the publics back, not giving us the chance to vote on such a huge project. Take care of LA at the a huge cost to Northern CA, seems to be the motto

From: Will Corning <WillCorning@antioch.k12.ca.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 1:28 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: Bay Delta Conservation Plan Comments

To Whom It May Concern:

I am a resident of Antioch and, as such, I am a consumer of water from the Delta. It seems to me that the Bay Delta Conservation Plan is very vague about how much water will be taken from the Delta. This is perhaps the most important part of the entire plan for those of us who depend on local water. All clients of the Contra Costa Water District and Antioch Municipal Water District depend on various pumping stations in the delta for our drinking water. There are local farmers who depend on the Sacramento River to irrigate their crops. We all need to know that we will be able to use our local water to drink and irrigate into the foreseeable future.

Over the years, the quality of our drinking water has lessened as more water has been pumped to southern California. Principally, the water is becoming saltier because there is lower flow in the combined Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers and more tidal mixing with water from the San Francisco Bay. The Contra Costa Water District has tried to fix this by building the Los Vaqueros reservoir and subsequently increasing its capacity. In our current state of drought, Antioch city water is unpalatable because of the high level of salt. The naturalists at Big Break Regional Shoreline tell me that the salinity there has increased from 1800 to 3000 ppm.

From what I have read, the water quality in the Sacramento River is superior to that of the San Joaquin River because the San Joaquin has higher levels of salt and selenium. If the state water project pumps Sacramento River water south before it reaches the delta, the water remaining in the delta will be higher in salt and selenium. I don't see how this will improve the habitat for the fish, plants or humans living in the delta.

Sincerely,

Will Corning

From: pearlwob@frontiernet.net
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 9:57 AM
To: 'bdcp.comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: Striped bass

I know 100 of striped bass fishermen and there kids who very much enjoy fishing for striped bass over the pass 25 years of fishing . The bass have been part of the delta for over 128 years . And has put millions of dollars into the economy.

It would be a knife in many fishermans back if destroy the strip' bass. Have you ever , caught a sb you should try it some time. So you can give a real opinion. Please don't Destroy my kids future for fishing for these great fish.

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

From: Bob Mulvany <rlm956@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 6:53 PM
To: 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: Reber Plan

Greetings Bay Delta officials:

Has the plan proposed by **John Reber** in the late 1940's been reviewed by the proponents of the BDCP? The **Reber Plan** was rejected in 1955 but the archives of the research and findings surely still exist. Briefly stated, the plan called for two dams to make San Francisco Bay into two fresh water lakes to prevent fresh water from flowing into the Pacific and to provide safe bay crossings for highways and rail. This plan may now be feasible with current technology and construction methods. At least, the research may be valuable for current water and transportation projects.

Bob Mulvany
Murphys, CA

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of VJ Moon <vjmoon17@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2014 2:35 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

Feb 7, 2014

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.we need to rethink this plan. I see so many problems with this, for one the cost and the push to get it done. What is the hurry we must understand fully how this water system works before we change it and possible destroy the system mother nature has employ for years. She the Earth (we all live on) is an intelligent force with billions of year of experience on managing her waters , lets take our time to understand the fresh water and salt water actions and why they are important to the underwater community that hasn't a voice. sincerely VJ Moon

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. VJ Moon
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Hayward, CA 94542-2044

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of George Logg
<elogg@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 2:12 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

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I have lived in California for almost 60 years and I have seen first hand the devastation the loss of fresh water has had on fishing as well as the well being of the delta. Please stop trying to get more water from northern California. We must find other ways to get fresh water and make those you use 80% of the state water pay more for their usage instead of having the taxpayers subsidize agriculture.

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Mr. George Logg
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From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Lawrence Thompson <thompson14ster@gmail.com>
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The driving force behind our water problems is human OVERPOPULATION, which needs to be addressed immediately. There are already way too many people in California competing for the finite amount of water and other natural resources. The big fallacy of the tunnel idea is that it does not create any more water. The drought we are experiencing in California does not have an engineering solution.

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From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Sandra Martinez <saundramartinez@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 4:32 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
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I have traveled all over the united states and have seen many beautiful areas, but there is something special about where I live. I am an Antioch native, born and raised from upstanding citizens that are active in our community. I have spent my whole life on the delta doing every recreational activity possible, starting with boating and fishing, then progressing to tubing, knee boarding and eventually wake boarding and skiing.

In the last few years it has been obvious that the delta is changing, and not for the better. I know old guys that remember when there was little to no current in this area and brackish water was miles past Benicia. Today our brackish water sits just outside of Pittsburg, and fresh water is not so fresh as the water line is lower making pollution more concentrated.

In a perfect world we would not have to have petitions like these to stop the interests of others who are motivated to change things regardless of the result. If we were smart Californians we would build a desalination plant in LA County or San Diego. This would allow us to recover all the water we have been sending down south while creating industry and jobs in those regions.

I want to have a voice for the delta as it does not have one... (Most victims dont). Let's restore the delta region, and realize the unique terrain we have here in East Contra Costa County.

Sincerely,
Saundra Martinez
(Delta resident of 29 years)

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Miss Saundra Martinez
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(925) 550-5066

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Ivy Cross
<ivycross@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 06, 2014 9:01 AM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

Feb 6, 2014

Mr. Ryan Wulff, NMFS
650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100
Sacramento, CA 95814

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It is a sad and scary day when you are a witness to the showdown of Government vs. Environment.... I do not understand. Horrible decisions are being made, why would we build tunnels to pull more water than we can even sustain? After looking at both sides of the story it seems that this will not even help the delta environment, but will actually make it worse. Please don't do this!! Not only for the deltas sake, but for the health of our rivers. We CAN NOT afford to keep sending as much water south, It's a fact that we need to start curbing the amount, not increasing, scientist have been saying this for years. I make my living in fishing and it hurts me horribly to be on the river and see all the exposed salmon beds, especially after I thought the government was supposed to be protecting them. This year I watched as they drained 70% of Oroville lake in about 10 months. And now that we are in a drought it is very obvious that that is too much water a year to be sending south. The saddest part of all of it is that I'm not sure who to stand behind, It seems that no one is on the side of the environment. -Ivy Cross

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Ivy Cross
PO Box 325
Forbestown, CA 95941-0325

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Barbara Damion
<bcdamion@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 3:59 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

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This letter speaks the truth. Please read it and think of the destruction that the twin tunnels will bring to the beautiful estuary of the Delta. Jerry Meral said that the building of the twin tunnels would bring much pollution but that it would be offset by buying carbon offsets from the Bay Area. This is totally the wrong thing to do, as the pollution would still remain in this area. In other words, the offset is just a transfer of the pollution ON PAPER! The men working on this project and those Delta residents living here would still have to breathe the toxic air, and many years from now could show the physical effects of this exposure, if these effects don't immediately show up. There are other ways to deal with California's water needs besides these monstrous tunnels. Giving water from Northern Ca. to the Kern Water Bank and their agribusiness associates is downright theft, especially since they decided to plant trees in a selenium-toxic area when their water contract said that they had junior water rights and would get water only if there was an abundance. Thank you for reading this. Sincerely, Barbara Damion

BDCP 219

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara Damion
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Sacramento, CA 95832-9712

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Brittany Stewart <the1stbritt@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 05, 2014 3:29 PM
To: 'BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

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.Please do not support this insanely expensive and catastrophic project. Water should stay in it's own watersheds. If you live on the other side of the mountain, you need to engage in activities that do not require copious amounts of water. It simply is not fair to steal water from a wet region and unnaturally funnel/tunnel that water to a dry region.

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Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Brittany Stewart
96 Kingston Rd
Mckinleyville, CA 95519-9775

From: Cecily Cervantes <c.cervantes0710@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2014 7:53 PM
To: 'BDCP.comments@noaa.gov'
Subject: a self water cleaning system that can be applied anywhere in California distribution system
Attachments: CALIFORNIA WATER PROJECT.pages.zip

ENVIRONMENTAL WATER PROJECT (oxygen restoration, chemicals and contaminants)

Posi+Water Environmental is to serve Water wherever needed. We serve Waste Water Facilities, Water Recycling projects, customer service facilities, Groundwater wells, private drinking wells, and normal households. We introduce Oxygen restoration to all water industries that want to better their water quality and help the Environment at the same time.

The underlying issue is that the transportation and distribution of water is depriving the water of Oxygen, leaving it defenseless to bacteria and contaminants that are introduced to it unknowingly. It is surely doing great damage to water industries that rely on the full capabilities that water has to offer.

The real truth is that we are getting water that has no Oxygen therefore will have little to no benefits to us as humans, and will have negative effects on our bodies and vegetation rather than helping us.

Water transportation causes friction and heat, decreasing Oxygen. Water loses vitality, natural properties, and electrical potential, When it is being forced through pipes from high pressure turbines and 90 degree turns, this makes the water lock up in itself and Oxygen is not up to full potential.

In this Generation, we have the opportunity to use a Natural powerful cleansing technique to our advantage and apply it to any water industry possible to make sure water is at full potential.

A high Oxygen measurement in water definitely gives value to that water cause it contains higher Vitality and more capability.

The Solution to water is only halfway met with the extrication of foreign elements. Sophisticated filtration process is definitely necessary, but is only half of the solution to our water process

The Restoration of Oxygen to water is the other half of the solution. It is extremely important to water as it is to us consumers. Oxygen restoration is a more simple process than it is to filter, cause it already contains the oxygen, its just has to be reactivated.

Fresh running water is constantly being revitalized by a natural cleansing process. This Natural cleansing process constantly keeps the water fully oxygenated to maintain its waste management (the counteract of bacteria and toxins) The answer to why people that live in the mountains have longer lives.

ENVIRONMENTAL WATER PROJECT (oxygen restoration, chemicals and contaminants)

The great solution to restoring oxygen back to our water is using the process of Implosion: The act of concentrating matter and energy into itself. The powerful force of a water vortex can and will benefit any water industry that is in need of the freshest cleanest water.

What does a system like this look like?

The system we work with is Engineered water pipe (with your desired diameter).

a center piece in the pipe puts water into a slow spin, while the exterior of the pipe puts water into a fast spin, creating a powerful vortex.

the benefits of the powerful vortex in your water industry.

Micro-Clustered Water is formed when passing through your vortex water revitalizer with the benefits.

- Superior in absorption, leading to better hydration.
- Improves the taste, feel and quality of water.
- Toxins and heavy gases, like chlorine, are released from the hold of the water molecules, causing them to evaporate from the water.

Increased and Activated Dissolved OXYGEN in the water is also the result of the Implosion process by the Water Revitalizer, With the following benefits.

- Activated dissolved OXYGEN aggressively interacts with pollutants and toxins in the water, eliminating, reducing, or causing them to be less harmful to the body.
- Increased dissolved OXYGEN creates an inhospitable environment for anaerobic (bad) bacteria, like E.Coli and Coliform.
- Increased dissolved OXYGEN in the water creates a more hospitable environment for aerobic (good) bacteria, which aid in the delivery of nutrients to the human body, the decomposing of wastes and the efficient break down of sewage.

ENVIRONMENTAL WATER PROJECT (oxygen restoration, chemicals and contaminants)

Other benefits to the water that will be apart of your industry.

- naturally softens water.
- Restores the natural pH balance to water.
- significantly improves the taste and feel of water.

How it provides for the Environment

- Increased dissolved oxygen in the water creates a more hospitable environment for the aerobic bacteria, which aid in the efficient breakdown of sewage and wastewater. The wastewater leaving your industry after installation, will be less detrimental to our rivers, lakes and Oceans.
- Revitalized Water stays revitalized and positively affects surrounding wastewater in the water source it is provided to.
- Once a good amount of facilities starts using this water system, we would see a major transformation of our global water crisis.

what is unique about this system

This system is the only one of its kind that uses the power of natural cleansing. The Earth has been very well capable to naturally clean its water, and in this generation we are able to harness the same engineering to our advantage.

If this system is not used for your area

you will most likely be one step behind of a cleaner water environment, depriving your area of the full potential of natural, revitalized water.

ENVIRONMENTAL WATER PROJECT (oxygen restoration, chemicals and contaminants)

What Restructured water can do for the following issues California is presently undergoing

Climate change, is a natural issue California has been experiencing. It has been affecting our water source over time, but not as much as now. This Arid landscape has been letting us know that we have to conserve and make sure every drop is doing its job to the fullest.

Oxygen restoration can help our area adapt to the warmer weather with, maximum agricultural absorption and also ground water conservation. Natural structured water provides superior absorption that leads to 30%-50% less needed for irrigation.

Water conservation is a continuously growing factor to farming and other water dependent industries. Your farm soil will definitely experience a great benefit of water conservation.

Your new water will compensate for for the reduction of fertilizers needed for efficient growth.

Other than buying this system, there will be no need for extra maintenance.

benefits to this system

- no filtration needed for this system to clean the water
- no extra energy needed for system to work
- no extra machinery needed for system to work
- no worries about this system not working once installed.

the price structure depends upon the diameter needed for your facility.

copper 2" diameter

copper 3" diameter

copper 4" diameter

ENVIRONMENTAL WATER PROJECT (oxygen restoration, chemicals and contaminants)

(we have diameters needed up to 10")

We hope you enjoy your new restructured water, and thank you for going green on the Environment!

From: Hadl, Stefan J <shadl@hearst.com>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 5:58 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Cc: Balkan, Joseph; Hadl, Stefan J; Troshinsky, Elliott D
Subject: BDCP Comment
Attachments: Modified PipelineTunnel Alignment Overview Alternative 4.pdf

My comment is in reference to Modified Pipeline/Tunnel Alignment Overview (Alternative 4) which is located on page 9 of 25 labeled Figure 3-9 in the Public Draft BDCP EIR-EIS Chapter 3 Figures PDF. I have attached a scanned copy of this page for reference. I am questioning the exact location of the tunnels as they tunnel beneath the McCormack Williamson Tract. The location on the map show the tunnels directly beneath our 2000 foot broadcast tower, guy wire anchors and building on the site. The construction of the tower, guy anchors and building required piles that were driven hundreds of feet deep to ensure a good foundation for construction. I need to know that this is known and has been considered when this alternative was surveyed and proposed. I have indicated on the attached PDF the approximate location of our tower, guy anchors and building.

Please let me know if this is known, has been considered and the tunnels will be routed accordingly to avoid the piles at this location should this alternative be selected as the preferred path. Also, please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Stefan Hadl

Director of Engineering

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Sources: Plan Area ICF 2012; Option Features (Rev 2b) DHCCP DWR 2013

From: Matt Eriksen <matt.eriksen1993@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 6:44 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Map of Proposed Changes is Inaccurate
Attachments: Map+of+Proposed+BDCP+Changes+8-15-13.pdf; King Island Example.jpg

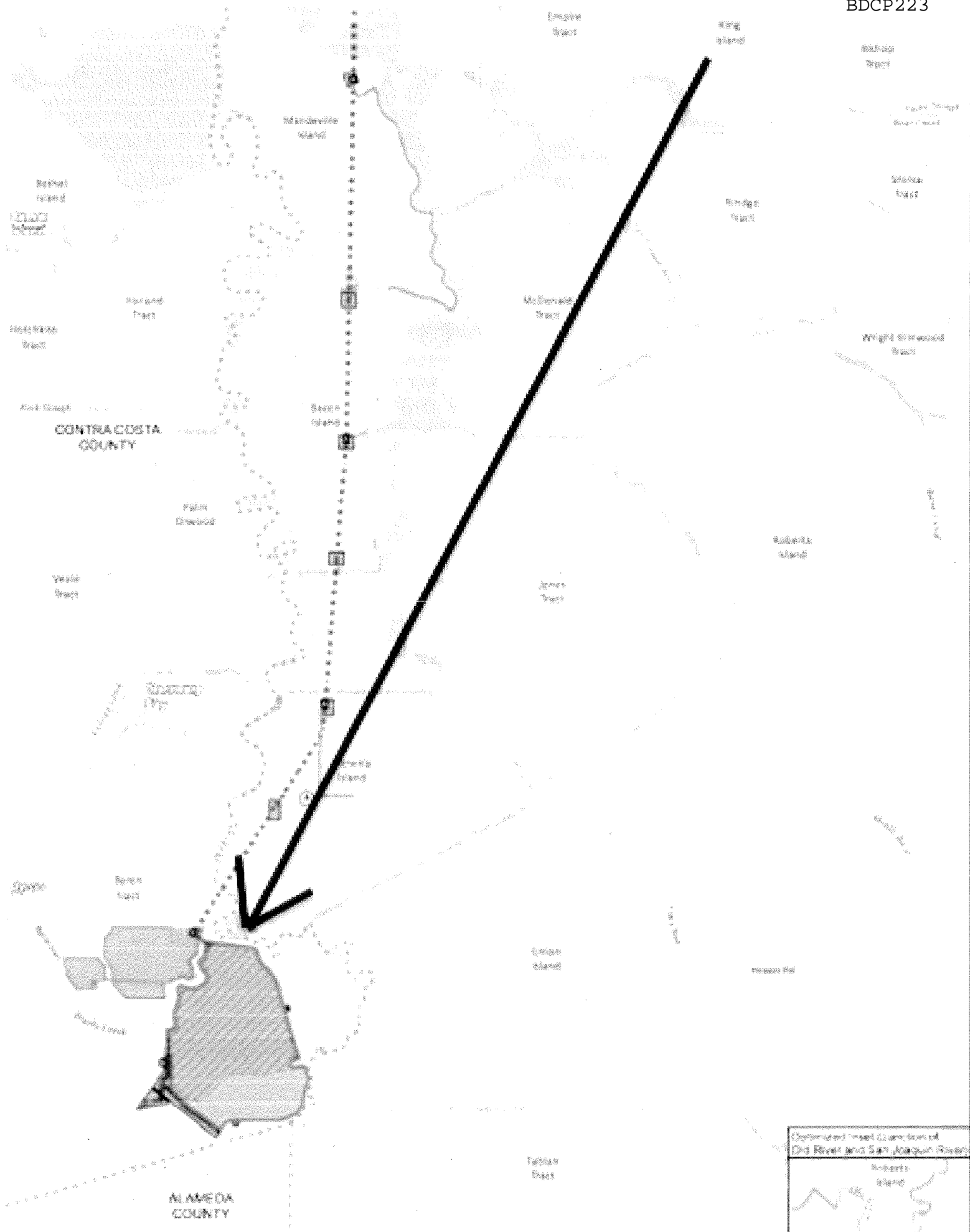
To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to inform you that your map of proposed changes severely misrepresents the areas in which you plan to dewater and pave the path for the Delta Tunnels. Although I am in opposition of this movement, I believe that your map should accurately display areas that will be affected by this project in order to accurately inform the people of California. To provide you with an example, I have attached a snapshot of your map along with your original document, showing the location of King Island as drastically off, although it should be marked much closer to the Clifton Court Forebay. Furthermore, please add labels for the main waterways, such as Old River Slough and Victoria's Slough.

Please look at a more up to date map of the channels and islands in the Bay Delta and revise your document accordingly. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,
Matthew Eriksen





From: Eddie Lucchesi <elucchesi@sjmosquito.org>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2014 6:38 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: dvd request

To whom it may concern,
I am requesting a DVD copy of the BDCP Draft EIR/EIS to be reviewed by the San Joaquin County Mosquito and Vector Control District. Please send to
SJCMVCD
C/O Eddie Lucchesi
Manager
7759 S Airport Way
Stockton, CA 95206

Thank you,
Eddie Lucchesi
Manager

From: Michael Brodsky <michael@brodskylaw.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 12:53 PM
To: bdcg.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: question on comment process

Hello,

it appears that there is only one email address for comments on the Draft EIR/EIS and comments on the project itself. There does not seem to be any direction on how these different categories of comments should be identified and directed. Is it correct that both comments on the project and on the EIR/EIS should be sent to this email address?

Thank you,
Michael Brodsky

Michael Brodsky
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From: Taras, Curt@DWR <Curt.Taras@water.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 12:07 PM
To: Ryan.Wulff@noaa.gov; bdcg.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Speaker Request for March 14, CVFPB Yolo Bypass Tour

Dear Mr. Wulff and NOAA BDCP team:

Call for Speakers for the Central Valley Flood Protection Board site visit to the Yolo Bypass on Friday March 14, 2014:

The Central Valley Flood Protection Board is planning a public site visit to the Yolo Bypass on Friday, March 14, 2014 to gain a better understanding of the numerous flood control, water conservation, habitat restoration, and conservation projects targeting the Yolo Bypass, including but not limited to the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and Lower Sacramento River / Delta North Regional Flood Management Plan proposals in the floodway. Your name was suggested as a potential speaker for one or more proposed projects in the Yolo Bypass within your area of interest and expertise.

The tentative schedule is:

9:00 Meet at IKEA in West Sacramento
9:10 Begin tour of Northern Yolo Bypass
9:30 Sacramento Weir (North Side)
10:00 Tule Canal Typical Barrier crossing
11:00 Fremont Weir
12:00 Lunch Break at IKEA
1:00 Resume Tour to Yolo Bypass South of I-80
1:30 Deep Water Ship Channel
2:30 End Tour at IKEA

Please respond to us if you are available and interested in participating as a speaker on this tour. There will be opportunities to informally present your subject matter at a field site along the tour route. Each stop is expected to take about 10 to 15 minutes. Thank you for your support of this important event.

Sincerely,

Curt Taras, PE, MSCE | Supervising Engineer
State of California
Central Valley Flood Protection Board
3310 El Camino Avenue, Room 151 | Sacramento, CA 95821
(916) 574-0684 Office | (916) 747-6694 Cell | (916) 574-0682 Fax
Email: curt.taras@water.ca.gov | www.cvfpb.ca.gov

From: Vantrease, Sarah <SVantrease@buttecounty.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 2:25 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Request for another BDCP EIR/EIS DVD

Please send another DVD copy of the BDCP EIR/EIS to:

Oroville Branch Library

Attn: Sarah Vantrease Branch Manager

Butte County Library

1820 Mitchell Ave

Oroville, CA 95966

We have a copy at our Chico Branch but we need one in Oroville too.

Thank you,

Sarah Vantrease

Butte County Library

530-282-2352

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Kellie Ashton <kelliealice11@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 11, 2014 5:44 PM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Subject: I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta

Feb 11, 2014

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(I just bought my first home in Discovery Bay on the Delta. I would hate to see this bill pass and ruin the environment and community of my new home. Please stand with me and oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta.)

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groundwater, and reducing irrigation of desert lands in the southern Central Valley with severe drainage problems. We don't need to build more dams or tunnels.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,

Ms. Kellie Ashton
1759 Dune Point Way
Discovery Bay, CA 94505-9356

From: Hoseley, Kurt <kbhoseley@walshgroup.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 8:48 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Bay Delta Conservation Plan (CM1) Tunnel Construction

Good Morning,

My name is Kurt Hoseley and I am with Walsh Construction Company. I am maintain project tracking logs and was curious if there has been any updates regarding the Bay Delta Conservation Plan CM1 Tunnel Construction (advertise date, bid date, etc.)? I understand this project is a long ways out, but just wanted to put a rough date/year when this project may advertise for bid or if a delivery method has been decided.

Thanks for the help,



Kurt Hoseley

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From: Mindy Schneider <mindyct@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 8:35 PM
To: bdcg.comments@noaa.gov
Cc: mauipete@comcast.net
Subject: Comment to EIS

To whom it may concern,

I have been living in Discovery Bay for over 20 years and watersports has always been a huge part of our family, I am very puzzled why no comments are posted so others can see what others are commenting. It makes me believe you have something to hide and our messages are being swept under the rug. Posting comments during an EIS process is a standard federal government process. I am requesting that you post all comments immediately and stop trying to ignore us.

Mindy Schneider
mindyct@aol.com

From: Desiree Wright <teethscraper2003@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 8:48 PM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Subject: opposition to tunnels

Hello My name is Desiree Wright. I recently moved to Discovery Bay a few years ago from Bakersfield, CA. The main draw for my family was the water. I couldn't believe how lush the environment was up north due to the fresh water flowing; only to find out that it was in the works to have it taken away. I believe the tunnels are an atrocity that haven't been completely thought through and further more find it outrageous that you have decided not to post all comments online as they come in so everyone can see what others are commenting. This can only be aimed at thwarting informed public participation because no legitimate purpose is served by keeping everyone in the dark about what others are saying. Posting comments in an online docket during an EIS process is standard federal government procedure. Why has this highly controversial project been selected for special treatment? I demand that all comments be posted online in an easily accessible format and that the comment period be extended for the length of time that comments were not posted online. I have been to numerous BDCP meetings and have witnessed first hand the so called spear - heads of this project completely disregard legitimate concerns about this project from the audience. From what I've seen this seems to be a water contractors dream project paid at the tax payers expense. There needs to be more public involvement with a project of this caliber.

Desiree Wright

From: brian gallagher <brian7428@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 10:28 PM
To: BDCP.Comments@NOAA.gov
Subject: Comments on Draft BDCP
Attachments: BDCP comments.pdf

Attached are my final comments.

Thank You,

Dr. Brian Gallagher, D. Env.
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The BDCP is an extraordinary accomplishment in water resources planning and ecological restoration efforts, with two major shortcomings in the draft plan. The following comments are meant to be constructive in making the plan clearer and stronger.

1. **Lack of quantitative data on fish effects (chapter 5):** Over 12 billion dollars or about 50% of the total program costs are related to improving the health of the covered fishery populations. This estimate is based on a 50% share of costs for new required flow systems and 80% of the primary habitat conservation measure costs including administrative, monitoring and research costs. The BDCP quantifies the decline of plan area fisheries over the last 50 to 150 years showing that some species are almost decimated. Yet qualitative data are used to weakly characterize the net effect of the large BDCP investment on future fish populations. Quantitative data numbers should be used along with their statistical uncertainties. As a minimum, specific quantified numerical objectives should be included.
2. **Abstruse implementation organization (chapter 6):** The administrative organization chart and governance comments are vague and perplexing and lack clear lines of project administration, financial control and progress accountability. Sideway organizations of complex projects are prone to poor communications, disputes, inefficiencies and ultimate failure. The current organization seems to try to appease all contributing parties without clear leadership and accountability. This simply won't be effective and needs restructuring.

Submitted by Dr. Brian Gallagher, D. Env.
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February 12, 2014

From: Keith Campbell <keithc101@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2014 11:32 PM
To: bdcg.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: BDCP Alternative 4 Construction Access Impacts to Hood

To Whom it May Concern,

As someone who has closely followed its development, I wholeheartedly support BDCP Alternative 4 as a well-structured, operationally flexible conveyance solution that, with all included conservation measures, provides the best opportunity to attain the co-equal goals of water supply reliability and ecosystem restoration.

My comment below is intended to suggest a minor change that could lessen the impact to the delta community of Hood during construction of CM-1.

Construction access for the Preferred Alternative (Alternative 4) Intakes 2 & 3 construction sites, as currently proposed, will unnecessarily result in a dramatically negative impact to the community of Hood since the heavy equipment/materials transport access route would naturally be from I-5 via Hood-Franklin Road and Highway 160, passing through Hood. Of all the Delta communities along the CM-1 alignment, it appears that construction phase impacts/disruption will be most significant to the residents of Hood.

My comment is to suggest that this impact could largely (if not entirely) be mitigated by a temporary extension of Elk Grove Blvd from the existing I-5 interchange to across the Beach Lake Canal. This additional temporary access road would tie into the already-proposed construction access road that connects the Intake 2 & 3 sites immediately west of and parallel to the Beach Lake Canal. This would be a short (approximately 1-mile long) temporary access road that could be abandoned and restored to the natural condition following CM-1 construction, preserving the long term purpose/status of the Stone Lakes NWR. Access to the Intake 5 site would be via the existing Lambert Road - already avoiding Hood.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Campbell
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From: Bob Vila <bvila16@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 8:43 AM
To: bdcg.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: BDCP Draft EIR/EIS

I have been boating, skiing, and fishing on the Delta since the 1960's, and cannot believe what BDCP is trying to slip through.

It is outrageous that you have decided not to post all comments online as they come in so everyone can see what others are commenting. This can only be aimed at thwarting informed public participation because no legitimate purpose is served by keeping everyone in the dark about what others are saying. Posting comments in an online docket during an EIS process is standard federal government procedure. Why has this highly controversial project been selected for special treatment? I demand that all comments be posted online in an easily accessible format and that the comment period be extended for the length of time that comments were not posted online.

Bob Vila
Alamo, CA

Sent from my iPad

From: Saw Marsh <themarsh_saw@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 9:16 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: DVD copy request

The Trinity Journal 1/29/14 page 8 states that a DVD may be requested and I would like to do so. Please send me a copy to: Richard DiLeo

4212 Terrace Street
Oakland, Ca 94611

Thank you,
Richard DiLeo

Sent from my iPad

From: Lisa Schick Ackerly <lisa.ackerly@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 9:42 AM
To: bdcpc.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Comments on BDCP Draft EIR/EIS

Hi, I am a 53 year old home owner who has lived in Discovery Bay on the water for 16 years. It is such a special place here. My husband and I are avid boaters throughout the Delta and love to water ski and fish. Needless to say, the tunnels project hits close to home so I am an informed and interested party in all of this. I have many concerns regarding the EIR and EIS that I am listing below. I hope you will read and consider what I have to say as a long-time Delta Dawdler.

My first and maybe most important concern right now has to do about your not providing an OPEN forum for what everyone is saying about the EIR/EIS. It is so frustrating and outrageous that you are not posting ALL comments on-line as they come in so everyone can see what everyone else is saying. Are you trying to ensure the public is NOT informed? How can there be any LEGITIMATE reason for keeping everyone in the dark about what others are saying. It makes me suspect that you must be getting pretty negative feedback. I believe it is standard procedure for the feds to allow posting of comments in an on-line forum. I DEMAND THAT ALL COMMENTS BE POSTED ON LINE IMMEDIATELY AND BE MADE EASILY AND READILY ACCESSIBLE TO ALL AND THAT THE COMMENT PERIOD BE EXTENDED FOR AS LONG AS THE COMMENTS WERE NOT BEING POSTED.

AT BDCP Public Meetings, reps from Discovery Bay have requested that the impact of the project on Discovery Bay be outlined in the EIR/EIS draft. This has not been done. Discovery Bay is vastly different than the rest of the Delta. We have 16 shallow water bays with little circulation. I REQUEST THAT AN IMPACT STUDY OF DISCOVERY BAY SPECIFICALLY BE INCLUDED IN THE EIR/EIS DRAFT.

Discovery Bay Representatives have also requested at BDCP public meetings, that specific measures be included in the EIR/EIS to mitigate the negative water quality impact on Discovery Bay. These measures include weed control (egeria densa), dredging and improvements to the DB circulation system. I REQUEST THAT THESE DISCOVERY BAY WATER QUALITY MITIGATION MEASURES BE INCLUDED IN THE EIR/EIS DRAFT.

Quit telling us not to worry! You told us at BDCP public meetings that water quality monitoring stations would be included in Discovery Bay yet this is not noted in the EIR/EIS. In addition, there is no meaningful data included to establish a baseline for current water quality in Discovery Bay. In order to adequately monitor, you have to have a baseline established noting current conditions. How could you overlook this? I REQUEST THAT ADEQUATE WATER QUALITY MONITORING STATIONS IN DISCOVERY BAY BE ADDED TO THE EIR/EIS AND THAT BASELINE CONDITIONS ARE ESTABLISHED FOR DISCOVERY BAY BEFORE THE PROJECT BEGINS.

The "little sip big gulp" concept is very flawed, The big gulp would take place when the Sierra run-off is at its peak in spring. That might work if additional water storage was built to store the water taken during big gulp times. The BDCP has not included provisions for additional water storage (new reservoirs, ground water banking, etc). Without a place to store water that will be harvested during times of abundance, the big gulp concept is just an illusion. The EIR/EIS states that "developing new water storage" is beyond the scope of the BDCP. How can it possibly not be within your scope given its within your scope to come up with the concept to take the water but not in your scope to actually build the storage to retain the water? I do not believe the project proponents have the authority to decide that storage is something they don't have to deal with. YOU

ARE REQUIRED BY LAW TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL WATER STORAGE GIVEN IT IS REASONABLY FEASIBLE AND LESSENS ONE OR MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS. THE EIR/EIS DRAFT SHOULD BE REVISED AND RECIRCULATED TO INCLUDE A RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES INCLUDING VARIOUS STORAGE CONCEPTS.

There is a legal requirement that the EIR/EIS be a "concise statement". I understand this is a huge project however it certainly seems the EIR/EIS has *intentionally* been made so long that the public will be unable to grapple with it. It needs to be made into a more coherent document. I REQUEST THAT THE EIR/EIS BE WITHDRAWN, EDITED, SHORTENED, MADE ACCESSIBLE TO THE *REAL* PUBLIC AND RE-ISSUED.

I will continue to closely monitor the progress of this project and stay informed. I will also do the hard work necessary to ensure my fellow neighbors and area citizens are also kept informed. Thank you for your consideration.

Lisa Ackerly

From: thecoldduck@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 10:36 AM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Cc: Janet McCleery
Subject: BDCP DRAFT EIR/EIS COMMENTS

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1. I was born in Socal, lived there for 20 years and now have lived for 45 years in the Delta. This EIR/EIS is a joke. We were at Stockton and talked to the "consultants" who wrote the Water Quality sections. Even they could not define anything on point in the more than 800 pages of that section. "Sometimes the water quality would be worse, sometimes a little better". 800 pages to come to that conclusion? How do you expect the average person to decipher the more than 30,000 pages of government double talk? I know, I use to write proposals, RFPs and the like for government contracts. Throw this thing away, come up with concise, readable statements so it can be understood.
2. I am astounded that there is no transparency with this process. Why are comments not available for review? How do I even know you have received and process my comments and that they are not just lying in a circular file somewhere? Posting these comments during the EIS process is a mandatory federal government procedure. This document and process as conducted here, are fatally flawed. I have attended all of your meetings. In Brentwood there was an open meeting where we were assured our questions would be answered. To date, we have not heard from BDCP. We left emails, addresses and phone numbers. We have very little faith that any of you give a damn about the true impact your meddling will do to degrade the Delta, let alone conserve it.
3. I have lived in Discovery Bay since 1983. We are already being affected by the current pumping of water from the Delta. Discovery Bay was designed with a precision hydraulic process to circulate water through the days that utilized the tidal action as seen in the area. The current pumping has all but eliminated "high tide" action reducing the quality of the water. When you pump more, and they will, our water quality will drastically be reduced. We were promised by BDCP officials that water monitoring would be part of the EIS to determine water quality issues. How can you create 800 pages on water quality and not address Discovery Bay issues especially when you have not made any attempt to find out what our baseline is today, before you even start? Again, your whole report is fatally flawed in attempting to model our environment when no empirical data was obtained. Especially when it was promised by BDCP officials when they visited with our Rec 800 engineers! Right now with the pumps in Old River, the pumping must maintain a water quality sufficient for their pumping. If they divert water from Sacramento there is no need to maintain our water quality. It is expected that it will deteriorate and this is not addressed.
4. The BDCP charter is to protect and conserve the Delta for the future. The two tunnels does nothing to help promote this charter. The two tunnels project should be dropped as part of this EIS. Anyone with half a brain understands how and why this has been added. Anyone with half a brain understands if you divert massive amounts of fresh water in Sacramento, not allowing it to naturally flow through the Delta, will degrade the water quality in the Delta, PERIOD! Trying to spin 800 pages in your water quality portion of the document any other way is simply political and driven by special interests who are paying the bill. This section is again, fatally flawed. Remove the two tunnels project from your EIS!
5. The EIS minimizes the financial impact on those living in the half dozen counties where the construction of the two tunnels (which should not even be part of the EIS) takes place. 10 years of construction, land seized under imminent domain, commerce disruptions will greatly reduce property values, incomes running in the Billions of dollars. You have greatly minimized these impacts. This section needs to be re evaluated.
6. The EIS minimizes the "quality of life" impacts on those living in the counties where the construction of the two tunnels will take place. We have been utilizing the Delta since 1958. It is a unique ecosystem standing apart from anything west of the Mississippi River. It has a historic value that cannot be diminished and treated as inconsequential. The EIR/EIS has not adequately treated the impact of the two tunnels project in this area. Just because you have spent close to a quarter billion dollars and over 30,000 pages of "gobbly-gook" does not mean you have actually looked at the issue. This EIR/EIS is so obviously bias to support a project that adds no benefits to the delta and who's sole purpose is to move

massive amounts of water from a viable productive farming area to a desert area that will at best require twice as much water to be half as productive. There is only one answer, the desert area is owned by big buck corporations that do not give a damn about the Delta.

7. The EIR/EIS does not adequately address water storage issues. If the two tunnels are to operate on the "Big gulp" theory, taking massive amounts of water during flooding and "Sipping" amounts during Summer and dry periods, water storage must be considered. There has not been a major water storage facility constructed in California in over 30 years. Without new water storage, the "Big gulp" theory cannot work. This is like farming. In a good season, the farmer has a bumper crop. But all other farmers have a bumper crop. So the market is saturated, price goes down. The farmer must have "storage" for his crop so it can be sold at a later date (assuming the product can be stored, otherwise it is left in the field to rot). The Big gulp theory will fail because there is no place to store the extra water to be pumped. The double whammy is that the water is available at the wrong time, in the winter when demands are down. When the demand goes up, in the summer, the system must be operated in the "sip" mode. The only way this can possibly help the delta requires massive water storage that, to date, does not exist and is not considered as part of the EIR/EIS. You cannot work in a vacuum. This must be considered in your plan.

8. The EIR/EIS is committed to a two tunnels solution to the Delta. As such, there has been no analysis or consideration to utilizing the current pumping system at the Clifton Court Forbay as an adequate mitigation. It amazes me that the only solution will be a \$50+ Billion project that is "Government speak" for a \$500 Billion project with overruns. And after all that investment, according to YOUR report, no extra water will be pumped. How can you sit there with a straight face and say lets spend half a trillion dollars for no real gain? The existing infrastructure has not adequately been addressed as an alternative.

9. Along the lines of comment 8., the EIS has not adequately addressed the cost/benefits of the two tunnel solution. This is an extremely costly project that does not benefit or conserve the Delta in any way.

10. The benefits touted by the EIR/EIS purport to protect the levee system from earthquake damage. To date, no levee has ever failed due to earthquake activity in over 100 years(that means ever). If your people would analyze the composition of Delta soil, you would have found that is extremely flexible. Exactly what is needed for earthquake survivability. The study does not take this into account to minimize the benefit, if any, to this project.

11. The benefits touted by the EIR/EIS include protection from sea level rising (presumably by global warming). This benefit is bogus at best. Bogus benefits like this need to not only be minimized as to their value, but eliminated entirely as a benefit deciding factor.

12. DEMAND. Water demand is a factor in the Delta conservation Plan and is not addressed. Reducing demands needed to be pumped will mitigate the entire need for pumping water from the Delta. As I stated, I grew up in Socal and have had since 1975 and currently have over a dozen rental properties in Socal. These include Los Angeles, San Bernadino and Orange counties. There has never been a concerted effort by any of the recipients of Delta water in Socal to conserve water. I know, I pay the water bills! Recently, there has been some activity to bring up drought issues, but still, water flows without restrictions. If the recipients made a concerted effort to conserve 15 to 20%, this would have a drastic impact on the flow requirement out of the Delta and make the two tunnels project unnecessary. The BDCP views this as "not their job". But again, we do not live in a vacuum. This consideration must be included in the BDCP to remotely come up with a realistic, real life solution.

From: VANEMMERIK@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 12:21 PM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Subject: comments

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My comments on the Delta Bay Conservation Plan (BDCP)

I have been a full time water front resident of Discovery Bay since 1995. My family, grown kids, grown grandkids and great grandkids, have enjoyed the delta since 1970 and we all think the Delta is the Jewel of California. We fished, water skied, swam, and raised our families in or near-by it for years and are thankful for having had that opportunity. My living experience gives me a valuable insight to provide the following comments:

1. What are you doing with all the comments? Will they be posted for public viewing to let everyone know what our feelings are. Will the comments be reviewed, analyzed or answered? We have a right to know the answers!
2. We were promised by previous governments experts that water monitoring devices would be provided in Discovery Bay to assure the quality of water would not be affected. This was never done! Why?? We need these monitoring stations to establish a basis of water quality before the tunnels will flow 14 million gallons of water per day out of the Delta ECO system. We all think you know why you don't want to install the monitors, but will not publish this for fear this info would harm your "Plan".
3. BDCP's plan is to use the sip and gulp process. Sips will be taken during dry years and gulps during wet years. The 'GULPS' during the wet years would be "stored". The storing sites are not defined and where are you going to store water when all the reservoirs, lakes, etc. are already full?
4. Cost versus benefits. The cost of building the tunnels has been estimated to go beyond **67 BILLION DOLLARS**. Will there be over-runs alike the Oakland Bridge? How can this be approved without a cost versus benefit analysis taking in consideration **DESALINATION, ADDITIONAL STORAGE RESEVOIRS, COST OVER-RUNS, PUBLIC INTEREST, ETC.**
5. Why not restructure the Sacramento and Fremont Weirs to save the water during wet years. **67 Billion dollars is a lot of money!!!**
6. Public interest should not be overshadowed by special self interest groups/money.

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From: Larry Knoepfel <larryk15@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 12:48 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: BDCP Videos

Is there any way I can purchase the BDCP Overview and BDCP Shorts video series?

If so can you please tell me the cost and how to do this?

Thanks
Larry Knoepfel

From: thecoldduck@sbcglobal.net
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2014 2:44 PM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Cc: Janet McCleery
Subject: COMMENTS ON THE BDCP PROJECT

JAMES HALL
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These comments are specific to the BDCP Project

1. I was born in Socal, lived there for 20 years and now have lived for 45 years in the Delta. This BDCP project is a joke. We were at Stockton and talked to the "consultants" who wrote the damn EIR/EIS. We heard them refer to some of their proposed routes as "the old Pheripheral Canal". Who are you kidding? This is a political ploy to build exactly what the people of California have rejected twice. Only with this ploy it will cost 10 times as much as the canal. Your entire premise is dishonest, fails any rational cost/benefit analysis and creates incredible burdens on the people living in the communities affected by the construction and affects of the pumping that will follow.

2. I am astounded that there is no transparency with this process. Like the EIR/EIS, why are comments not available for review? How do I even know you have received and process my comments and that they are not just lying in a circular file somewhere? Why are the comments comingled between the EIR/EIS and the project? The tunnels should be removed from the BDCP as there is no way they can be considered as mitigation to the health of the Delta. Posting these comments during the EIS process is a mandatory federal government proceedure. This document and process as conducted here, are fatally flawed. I have attended all of your meetings. In Brentwood there was an open meeting where we were assured our questions would be answered. To date, we have not heard from BDCP. We left emails, addresses and phone numbers. We have very little faith that any of you give a damn about the true impact your meddling will do to degrade the Delta, let alone conserve it.

3. The project is dishonest on it's face value. This project does nothing to improve or even leave the Delta in a status quo condition. Any legitimate Habitat Conservation plan MUST come to the conclusion that there is simply not enough water to allow Delta species (Salmon, Shad, Smelt) to survive and meet the demands of the water contractors who are behind this project.

4. How can you justify taking water from a productive fertile farming area, turning it into a dead zone due to salinity intrusion, and pay \$50Billion + to transfer it to an arid, desert area that requires twice as much water to produce half the crops of the existing delta farmlands? There is no logic to this except there are rich people who own that land and want the water at any cost ignoring the Delta and the people and businesses that live there.

5. I am against the BDCP project because it simply does not comply with the Delta Reform Act. The DRA requires that actions of the state shall "reduce reliance on the Delta". The twin tunnels should not be any part of the BDCP project. There simply is no way you can take massive amounts of water out at Sacramento, thus reducing the flows through the Delta, and come to any conclusion this is competent stewardship of the Delta. The leadership in this boondogle should be fired.

6. The idea that you are letting the "Fox control the Henhouse" is laughable. The same people that want to destroy the delta to get all the water they can are in too much control of this whole project. I have worked with many government programs, RFPs, studies and proposals. The idea that you are doing studies paid for by the water contractors leads to obvious bias towards "your boss". There is an inherent bias to "please" the boss who pays the bills. Otherwise he will get someone else to give him the answers he wants to hear. This project is so obviously biased in this direction a blind person can see it. NO alternate options have been considered. Those alternate options include:

- a. Using/modifying the existing pumping systems in Clifton CourtForebay
- b. Conservation (and I mean significant conservation in the southland)
- c. Desalination (with the real costs and over runs approaching \$500 Billion, the whole process of increased, drought resistant water supplies thru desalination has to be realistically looked at.)

7. This is nothing but a "Water Grab" disguised as a Habitat plan. Governor Brown will pay a political price if he "stays the course" with this one. As more people become aware of the incredible cost fornothing, this will become a giant rabbit hole consuming our taxes that are desperately needed for projects like fixing our 48th nationally ranked highways.
8. Even if this damn thing gets built, the "fox" again will control the flow. So the "Big Gulp" theory will turn into the "Big and Bigger Gulp" Theory of operation.
9. Living in Discovery Bay, I am deeply concerned about our water quality. One of the main touts of the tunnels is that it will improve water quality of that sent south. By definition, when they pull that water out in Sacramento there will be no need for concern of the quality of the Delta waters in and around Discovery Bay. This is physics, you cannot improve our water by diverting the flow of fresh water leaving us high and dry (so to speak). This is unacceptable, destroying our whole way of life.
10. Again, simply a matter of physics. There is not enough water, especially in drought years like this one, to support existing much less increased exports to the south and recover the Delta. Global warming has affected the Polar Vortex and Jet stream this year to produce devastating effects on our water supplies. The only thing we can count on in the future is that these weather extremes will increase. This project should be looking at increasing storage of water to cover the new "norm" rather than looking at raping the delta environment to grow almonds in Fresno.
11. There is no realistic plan or method to pay for this project. With only 8% of the project designed, the sheer "Estimates" of cost might as well be pulled from thin air (if they are not already). With a cost that will exceed that of the Bay Bridge and the Bullet Train to nowhere it borders on criminal to proceed with out bringing this to the people before more of our government money is spent on this disaster. For anyone to believe the water contractors will pay for even a minor part of this is unbelievable. Rate payers look for cost to soar even far worse than that of the Obamacare fiasco. Realistic estimates see yearly residential water bills to be in the \$1000/month to pay for this. Let's just start charging them that now and watch water conservation really take form.

From: KCaroljean@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2014 8:30 AM
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Cc: BDCP.comments.copy@nodeltagates.com
Subject: BAY DELTA CONSERVATION PLAN

dear sirs and madams,

may i first say how deceiving this process has been from the beginning. CONSERVATION PLAN? what happened to transparency in politics?

why do you feel it necessary to hide the real plan under a title implying conservation? you are actually wanting this plan so badly that you lie about it, spend millions and millions of taxpayers money in half baked reports and research when the real truth is about money, legacy and control?

by the way, when and where will the complete, open and honest reports be published? i would like to be provided with that link when this comes about. it's seems the current reports aren't quite touching all the bases.

why would you sell out northern california farmers, wineries, property owners and business owners (to name a few) in the name of conservation?

why are you trying to hide the kern underground water storage, which belongs to the state of california and therefore the people of california? why is this only available to large commercial pistachio, almonds and pomegranate growers who's main customer is china. again we are literally being sold down the river.

why do we continue to waste our precious resource (WATER) to try and grow products in the desert? These orchards should have never been planted in the first place and certainly now with droughts plaguing 11 western states be retired immediately.

jerry brown's father already has the aqueduct, does jerry need his own legacy so badly that he is willing to spend billions on the obamacare of water transfer? we have been to the moon, come up with something else, like desalination. i lived on an island in the middle of the south pacific (SAMTEC) and that is all we had for water. why would you tear a hole through the heart of california in the name of water.

please, think of your parents, brother, sisters, children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews when you go to work in the morning. you couldn't possibly be serious about this if you did.

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From: Jennifer Jost <jenniferjost@epsilonfg.com>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 9:16 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: I OPPOSE BDCP

To whom it may concern,

I have lived in Discovery Bay for many years and now currently work here. the Delta is a way of life here for many people. Spending time of the Delta is one of the best things Contra Costa County has going for it. People have built families and generations here with the activities on the Delta.

It is outrageous that you have decided not to post all the comments online as they come in so everyone can see what others are saying.

We need an informed public because no legitimate purpose is served by keeping everyone in the dark. This EIS process is procedure to post online comments so why is this project different? I demand that all comments be posted online so we can all see what is really going on with everyone.

I oppose the BDCP for many reasons.

Jennifer Jost

From: jenmossor <jenmossor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2014 12:54 PM
To: bdcg.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Bdcg project

This is a comment on the BDCP project. I oppose the construction of the twin tunnels. The entire premise of the project is dishonest. I am a home owner and tax payer of Discovery Bay. I do not see anything good with this project.

Sincerely

Jennifer Mossor

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note® II, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

From: Jan McCleery <jmccleery@modeln.com>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 6:44 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Cc: BDCP.comments.COPY@nodeltagates.com
Subject: BDCP EIR Comments

1. This comment is about the BDCP Project itself. I am a citizen of Discovery Bay, CA and this project has the potential of causing serious damage to the water quality in my back yard and causing significant negative economic impact to my community. It is outrageous that only 120 days be given to read 40,000 pages of documents. Please extend the comment period for the BDCP Project (the Plan).

2. This comment is about the BDCP EIR/EIS. I am a citizen of Discovery Bay, CA and this project has the potential of causing serious damage to the water quality in my back yard and causing significant negative economic impact to my community. It is outrageous that only 120 days be given to read 40,000 pages of documents. Please extend the comment period for the BDCP EIR/EIS.

Jan

Jan McCleery | jmccleery@modeln.com | (Cell) 925.978.6563

From: Galen Eastham <easthams@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 10:39 AM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Dear Sirs:

We have been homeowners in Discovery Bay for over 15 years. We live on a deep water channel which provides us access to the entire Delta and out to San Francisco Bay. We have enjoyed boating and fishing for all of these years but have noticed over the years a gradual lessening of all fish, particularly striped bass and salmon. One of the reasons we moved to Discovery Bay was because of the fresh water at our back door. We are from southern California where there is no such environment (all marinas are on salt water.) We oppose the construction of the twin tunnels. They are not a conservation method but strictly a grab to export more water to farmers in the central valley and to southern California. Help the Delta recover through conservation, building of desalination plants, developing more storage facilities, and banning wasteful agricultural practices such as growing cotton and rice in the desert.

Please post all comments in an online docket during the EIS process. We believe this is a standard federal government procedure. Additionally, we believe the development of new water storage should not be beyond the scope of the BDCP. Storage of water is truly the key to mitigating the impacts of operation of the CVP/SWP on the Delta and its species. California's problem is that when we do get rain, we get too much, all at once, in the wrong places and erratically. Climate change is only making this worse. The only solution is to be able to harvest and store the water that comes in great bursts at times when our existing reservoirs are already full. Without new storage, we continue to draw water from the Delta at times when water is critically low and at times when exports harm fish and other species. Please BUILD MORE STORAGE FOR WATER.

We look to your doing the right thing for our California environment....STOP THE TUNNELS!

Sincerely,
Karolyn and Galen Eastham
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From: delta dog <deltalover@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Sunday, February 16, 2014 11:40 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: requesting a copy of audio

I would like a copy of an audio meeting of the BDCP. That is the meeting at the Pagoda building on 2/29/2012. Please send me the agenda, presentation package and the audio. Please mail to Eric Dukes PO BOX 459 Bethel Island Ca 94511. Thank You.

From: bsolsen@comcast.net
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 11:43 AM
To: bdcg.comments@noaa.gov
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Subject: The BDCP Project

My name is Robert Olsen, a resident of Bethel Island Ca. The tunnels are not a conservation measure designed to save any species. This is simply a water grab that does not comply with "The Endangered Species Act" or "The Delta Reform Act" and is a waste of taxpayer money. The residents of Bethel Island are against the construction of the twin tunnels. Our Delta cannot support the extravagant water habits of the rest of the state. Southern Ca. needs more storage and desalination projects of their own.

From: Bruce Lichtenberg <Bruce.Lichtenberg@ajg.com>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2014 9:04 AM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
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Subject: Please No Tunnels

I have been a resident in Discovery Bay for over twenty years. I have been an active boater for that same amount of time. My family has enjoyed the serenity and beauty of the Delta and we do not want to see that changed by politicians and people that have other alternatives to water without pumping it from the Delta.

The Cost / Benefits Analysis (Table 9-32) identifies a net benefit of \$4.5 to \$5.3 billion, given an incremental cost of \$13.5 billion. There are several flaws in this analysis, including not taking into account the cost of bond interest, the cost of mitigation, which is necessary to experimentally offset the additional water take, the economic loss due to poor water quality in the south delta, and the economic loss of taking productive delta farmland out of production. The analysis uses “apples and oranges” e.g. using 60 years for the benefit, and 50 for the operating costs. The project is only 10% designed: a 37% contingency is inadequate – look at the Bay Bridge cost

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The giant muck ponds are forever in the Delta, and are too close to communities like Discovery Bay. Which would also have an
on navigation and safety in the Delta has not been adequately addressed.

Thank you

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From: Bob Pope <vintner25@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2014 12:33 PM
To: bdcg.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: BDCP public comment 02/14/2014

To whom it may concern,

I have concerns about the BDCP plan. While I enjoyed reading about the in-depth process followed by the scientists, I am quite concerned about the conclusions and plans presented to rectify the problematic situations described.

The data clearly shows a need to increase the protection of the Delta environment to prevent further erosion of the many communities relying on this unique and crucial environment(s). These plans fail to achieve that goal.

How any thoughtful person could conclude that the "Take" of an additional 10% of the fresh water flows (**2.3.2.1.1**) from this system and improve the (**Co-Equal Goal** of) health of this crucial system is beyond ludicrous.

Is there any doubt that the decline of this system has been exacerbated by the excessive "Take" for the benefit of a small number of politically connected individuals who should not be farming in the deficient soils of the Westlands? Do the issues at "Kesterson" ring a bell? I am all in agreement that farmers need water and that the Delta is one source for that resource. But, there are also reservoirs in the Central Valley, built for that very purpose.

Who decided to manipulate the (public receptions) Poster Boards into include deceptive data? How could anyone claim the Chinook Salmon will benefit from an increase in "quantity and quality of habitat" when DWR will be allowed to, at a minimum, "Take" an additional 10% of their crucial habitat, which is Water?!?

Who manipulated the data to include Grasslands near Byron (**CM6, 8, 9**) as an area needing government intervention? Have you ever driven through the Byron area? Grasslands is virtually all there is in those communities.

Who decided that taking 30% (**Draft 2.3.2.1**) of the fresh water flows to support lawns and car washes in the Los Angeles Basin is a great use of this resource? Again, I am in favor of sharing this delta resource, but not at the expense of the the Delta. Los Angeles, et al, can spend some of their money on developing desalinization plants if they want to continually expand.

Political muscle is not an excuse to strip the environment bare. Get rid of the Twin Tunnels project. You already have pumps that can be dialed back to save fish from the reverse flows.

Governor Moonie, Dianne feinstein, et al can build their legacy (and bank accounts) doing something less disastrous to the communitites involved.

Kindest regards
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