
From: Anna Swenson <judgebunnywife@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 5:25 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: materials request

Hello

We are having a local meeting here in Clarksburg, Ca about your plan. I need 300 comment cards and 100 complete (all 4 books plus disk) for next Monday. There are also 2 types of handouts called fast facts, I need 100 copies of each.

Who do I need to contact for the materials.
Your link for material requests on your website doesnt work.

I also need 20 copies of the non english versions

Could you mail it to me or should I come to your office.

Also, there is no phone number on your website. What is a good local Sacramento number to reach you at?

Thanks

Anna Swenson

From: Gilbert-Snyder, Paul <pgilbert@ebmud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 9:06 AM
To: 'bdcp.comments@noaa.gov'
Cc: carlie.jackson@resources.ca.gov
Subject: FW: Access to "Modified Pipeline/Tunnel Option (MPTO) 2013 Conceptual Engineering Report"

I am trying to obtain a copy of the subject report, which is referenced several times in the EIR/EIS documentation. I have not yet received any response to the request below, which was sent to DWR's BDCP contact a week ago.

Please provide me with instructions on how to obtain the subject report – in order to complete a thorough review of the BDCP and EIR/EIS a copy of that report is necessary.

Sincerely,

Paul

Paul Gilbert-Snyder
Water & Natural Resources Department
East Bay Municipal Utility District
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(510) 287-0432

From: Gilbert-Snyder, Paul
Sent: Tuesday, March 18, 2014 1:29 PM
To: 'carlie.jackson@resources.ca.gov'
Subject: Access to "Modified Pipeline/Tunnel Option (MPTO) 2013 Conceptual Engineering Report"

Hi Carlie –

There are several places in the BDCP EIR/EIS documents that refer to the “*Modified Pipeline/Tunnel Option (MPTO) 2013 Conceptual Engineering Report*” – can you please direct me to that report? I have attempted to find it online but have not as yet found it. If it is not available on-line, could you please email me the file, or if it is too large, maybe you could send it on disk?

Many thanks,

Paul

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Draft Bay Delta Conservation Plan and
Associated Draft Environmental Impact Report/
Environmental Impact Statement

Public review and comment period is
December 13, 2013 through April 14, 2014

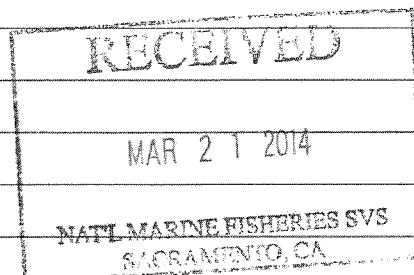
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Name Miguel Tad Melbin Organization Retired Educator Date March 15, 2014
Address P.O. Box 898 City Georgetown State CA Zip 95634

The proposal to build two giant tunnels under the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta is the most outrageous, environmentally harmful and destructive idea that has ever been suggested yet in California's ongoing effort to find a solution to our water problems. The diversion of approximately two thirds of the Sacramento River's flow away from the delta would cause incalculable harm to the whole environment of the delta, the estuary and San Francisco Bay. What are you who support this proposal thinking? It boggles the mind!

The money it would cost to build these tunnels would much better be spent on desalinization projects for Southern California's urban consumption, development/enhancement of local sources and improved conservation strategies for agriculture in the San Joaquin Valley. The whole notion that we can or should export water to Southern California from the northern watersheds, water which is in demand and not sufficient to meet local needs, is absurd! We must learn to conserve, recycle waste water and live within our means!

STOP THIS NONSENSE!!



From: McManus, Dan@DWR <Dan.McManus@water.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 12:33 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Cc: Ehorn, Bill@DWR; Anderson, Curtis@DWR
Subject: BDCP Comments

Hi,

I'm a Branch Chief in DWR's Northern Region Office. The following statement from the BDCP EIR/EIS was brought to my attention via an email from one of our local environmental groups.

The Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin is "full" in most areas, except during droughts and in a few locales where drawdown has been observed over the years. In most areas groundwater levels recover to pre-irrigation season levels each spring.

The above statement characterizing the Sacramento Valley Groundwater Basin as being "full" in most areas is not accurate. Our work on the CWP 2013 Update indicates that groundwater storage in the Sacramento Valley groundwater basin was reduced by approximately 700 - 1,700 TAF, between 2005 and 2010. In many areas of the Sacramento Valley groundwater levels are at all-time lows and preliminary information from our Spring 2014 groundwater level measurements indicate that groundwater level declines are continuing.

Please correct the above statement in the BDCP EIR/EIS or provide the information source so we can follow-up. The BDCP page number associated with the above statement wasn't provided.

Thanks

Dan

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From: Neal Fearn <nhfearn@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 24, 2014 6:38 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Incidental take permits

Hey morons,

Issuing incidental take permits is not environmentally friendly. Can't you even read what you are writing? Anybody dumb enough to believe this twin tunnel does anything but wreck the SF Bay and the Delta is a retard. Removing water from the SF Bay and the delta will hurt the bay and the delta, not help it. 1.3 gigabytes of reports that no doubt cost millions to write can't change less water = less wildlife.

Brown, Feinstein, and Boxer are selling their liberal bay area base of support down the river. They are getting their campaigns financed by the "State Water Contractors".

We are going to spend 50-100 billion dollars to give Resnick and his buddies water 7.50 an acre foot to store in huge underground lakes so they can grow "Wonderful" pistachios or sell the water back to us at \$750 an acre foot.

It is totally disgusting to watch this all unfold. To see our government giving away billions to the richest and then cutting everything imaginable that would go to the poorest. The worst part is having to listen to these "State Water Contractors" bitch about how the government is the problem when they are ones sucking down by far the most government money. It is worse than seeing a welfare mother cuss out a school principle when her kid gets free lunches, free healthcare, and free school. If they government did not build the SWP or the CVP, then there would be no such thing as a "State Water Contractor". It's not as if these guys built all the dams and canals themselves. We are giving them the water.

From: Daniel Cardenas <dcardenas@shastaadvisors.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 6:56 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: DVD of BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS

Can you please send a copy of the BDCP and draft EIR/EIS to:

William Bisharat
Partner
Shasta Advisors LLC
7870 Eagle View Lane
Granite Bay, CA 95746

and to

Daniel Cardenas
Managing Partner
Shasta Advisors LLC
PO Box 121
Saint Stephens, WY 82524

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Ted and Sherry Guzzi <tahoeguzzi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 5:42 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

Mar 26, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Wulff, NMFS,

Thank you for receiving public comments in response to the Draft BDCP Plan and Draft EIR/EIS.

I oppose all alternatives in the BDCP that propose construction of new diversions and tunnels under the Delta. I oppose the project because:

It is too costly (up to \$54 billion with interest and other hidden costs) and the general public should not have to cover any of this outrageous, including habitat restoration costs. These should be paid by those who receive the water (since the Delta diversions degraded the habitat in the first place).

Operation of the diversions and tunnels threaten to dewater major upstream reservoirs in northern California and reduce downstream river flows, to the detriment of fish, wildlife, recreation, and other public trust values.

Diversion and tunnel facilities would adversely impact too much Delta farmland and habitat, harm Brannan Island State Park, infringe on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, and degrade other essential conservation lands.

You cannot restore Delta habitat without first determining how much fresh water the Delta needs to survive and thrive. Restoration of fresh water flows from the San Joaquin River in the south Delta are particularly important.

The tunnels will need more upstream storage facilities to feed fresh water into them. These include raising Shasta Dam, building the Sites Reservoir, and possibly reviving the Auburn Dam on the American River and the Dos Rios Dam on the Eel. The environmental, cultural, and financial impacts of these controversial projects are a significant foreseeable but ignored impact of the BDCP.

These massive and expensive tunnels will destroy farmland and publicly funded conservation land, adversely impact already threatened and endangered fish and wildlife like sandhill cranes, and drain already strained northern reservoirs and rivers. Huge amounts of water will no longer go through the Delta, so any attempted restoration or offsets will be useless and wasted. Please do not waste our money and destroy our rivers and wildlife.

I believe that the BDCP should include, and I would support, an alternative that significantly reduces Delta exports and focuses instead on restoring habitat and threatened and endangered species in the Delta, improves Delta water quality by providing sufficient fresh water inflow from both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and that includes a pragmatic plan to sustainably meeting California's water needs. This can be done by increasing agricultural and urban water use efficiency, capturing and treating storm water, recycling urban waste water, cleaning up polluted

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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,

Mr. Ted and Sherry Guzzi
PO Box 7763
Tahoe City, CA 96145-7763

From: James Haufler <jhaufler@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 26, 2014 3:07 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: BDCP Comments and Questions

The BDCP will provide more operational flexibility including more wet season exports. Currently wet season exports are curtailed due to Delta Smelt impacts. But we have no idea what the impact of operational flexibility will be on northern counties.

The BDCP modeling of the late long term (2060) "no action" alternative shows that the combined effects of climate change (longer summer reservoir drawdown period), and sea level rise (17 inches predicted by 2060), together with unchanged delta salinity standards, will cause northern CA reservoirs to be drawn down to "dead pool" levels in about 11-12% of years. (For Folsom Lake this is the level at which the cities of Folsom, and Roseville, and the San Juan water district will be unable take water from the lake.)

If "action is taken", and the BDCP is implemented, will it do anything to prevent or minimize this impact? Will it not potentially increase this risk by allowing more continuous export of water south of the delta, while northern reservoirs are drained to meet unchanged delta salinity standards?

Since the BDCP is based largely on the goal of returning the delta to a more natural condition, should that not also include recognition of the fact that in its original natural condition, the delta experienced great variations of salt water incursion from season to season?

How will decisions be made as to how much water flows where and when?

Who will make those decisions?

What checks and balances will be established to prevent any particular region or interest group from disenfranchising another?

What will prevent de-watering of some areas to benefit other areas? (As happened to the Owens Valley.)

Thank you,

Jim

James Haufler

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916-253-3411 (Home)

916-801-3669 (Cell)

From: James Haufler <jhaufler@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2014 1:31 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: BDCP - Will Folsom Lake be drained 1 out of 10 years?

Greetings:

I was at a meeting last week where a rep from the Placer County Water Agency spoke about the BDCP.

If I understood him correctly, he said that the BDCP anticipates or forecasts that if the BDCP is implemented (twin tunnels, etc), Folsom Lake will very likely be drained to "dead pool" level in one out of 10 years. By "dead pool" he meant it would be so low that whatever water was left in it would not be useable by local agencies.

Could you comment on this?

Please advise.

Thank you,

Jim

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From: Chelsea Tu <CTu@biologicaldiversity.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2014 2:16 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Trouble accessing BDCP EIS/EIR doc

Hi I am trying to find the following document on the BDCP EIS/EIR docs website but the link doesn't seem to be working. Would you be able to help me resolve this issue? Thanks so much, Chelsea

Public Draft BDCP EIR-EIS Appendix 3A - Identification of Water Conveyance Alternatives, Conservation Measure 1

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From: deltagromacki@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2014 3:59 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: STOP THE TUNNELS

My husband & I have lived in Discovery Bay on the San Joaquin River for 10 years. It took us 40 yrs of working to be able to afford the life-style on the water. We love boating, fishing and skiing. The tunnel proposal would ruin our property value, deplete the fishing industry and worse of all, FURTHER lessen the water quality of Discovery Bay.

In he 1970's during California's last drought, we lived in Antioch. Salt intrusion into the water system measured 360 ppm from 60 ppm. Is that healthy? Of course not. But the acceptable standard was immediately changed to correspond with 360. Past history says of salt intrusion will repeat itself. There is no accountably for cost or what the true cost will be to the taxpayers. What happens in dry years? Who gets the water. Do we all get reduced or only the private users? Why deprive present and future Californians of necessary water to be able to ship alfalfa, almonds and other agricultural products overseas for the profit of large growers. The products are grown in salt-based desert. The more water that goes to these crops, the more salt surfaces, and the more water is needed to get rid of the salt. The tax payers should not pay for large agricultural growers. The California's agriculture uses 80 percent of the state's water supply. The tunnels would deplete Northern California's waster supply. There is not more water to be produced. Where would the big grower go the Delta water is not healthy? They wouldn't stay in California. DON'T KILL THE GOOSE THAT IS LAYING THE GOLDEN EGG. California needs to build water storage, re do the levies that deliver the water and practice rationing.

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Laura Ravenscraft <ljravenscraft@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 30, 2014 3:07 AM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Subject: BDCP.Comments.COPY@nodeltagates.com. Delta Tunnels

To whom it may concern,

I oppose the tunnels because there is water already being sent south. Water conservation, infrastructure, desalination plants and environmental issues need to be addressed & explored.

From: Christina Angelos <c.angelos1@att.net>
Sent: Saturday, March 29, 2014 9:32 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Bay Delta Conservation Plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

Last week Leslie Katz, SF Port Commissioner, came to my Rotary Club and spoke to us about the Bay Delta Conservation Plan ("BDCP") and did a little Q&A afterwards.

My understanding of the BDCP is that (1) there are basically two parts to the Plan: (a) water tunnels built and (b) wildlife conservation projects, which, by law, the wildlife conservation projects need to be completed for this BDCP to be "legal"; (2) the communities that "benefit" from the water tunnels being built are paying for the water tunnels but they are not being held financially responsible for the wildlife conservation projects, but the State of California is responsible for paying for the wildlife conservation part of the BDCP; (3) funds for the wildlife conservation plan do not have to be secured before the tunnels are built, and it is hoped that bond measures and other funding will work out.

Based on my understanding of the BDCP, I am opposed to the tunnel part of the BDCP starting before funds have been secured for the wildlife conservation part of the BDCP. In other words, until funds have been secured for the full project (tunnels + wildlife conservation), the project should be a no-go. This is just basic business commonsense.

Too many times do we see projects being undertaken and the funding run out before it can be completed. It is easy to imagine the tunnels being built and the wildlife projects not happening because of lack of funding.

Sincerely,

Christina Angelos, DC
Oakland, CA
(510) 325-1879

From: Annette Keel <annettekeel@att.net>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 12:16 PM
To: BDCP.Comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Re: Tunnels

I live here in Oakley, CA off of Cypress Avenue in Summerlake community.

We are an HOA community. In our CCR's it tells us that we do have a back up supply of water, but it will be filled with magnesium turning the water brown. If they do the tunnels down to the Central Valley, and we have a water shortage like we have right now, our community here at Summerlake will have to be drinking and showering in brown water. Please don't let this happen. The state now has enough money where they can tunnel the water in from out of state. Please ask the State to use the reserve funds we now have for such an emergency as this will be.

From: Beverly Santos <motherb1890@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2014 9:55 AM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Water

If you really want to help the Delta stop letting all the cities that dump sewage into it from doing business as usual. Use the water from Hech Heche to add volume to the Delta and restrict water usage of large metro cities for drinking and cooking so central California farmers can feed them! California water laws are archaic and need to be changed NOW before the farming communities are turned into ghost towns! Our economy hangs in the balance. When I go to SF LA or Sac and see water running on lawns and down the streets, it makes me sick. Farmers are the very best at conservation and are the only people that actually help recharge ground water and yet year after year new laws and penalties are thrown at them. Well, I say if you love foreign oil you are going to be ECSTATIC over foreign food. I wonder how many people will die when this reality starts to come into play! Hope all you water people will be the first to go.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Friends of the River <info@friendsoftheriver.org> on behalf of Janice Dougall <jandougall@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 10:03 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

Apr 3, 2014

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

Dear Mr. Wulff, NMFS,

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Diversion and tunnel facilities would adversely impact too much Delta farmland and habitat, harm Brannan Island State Park, infringe on the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge, and degrade other essential conservation lands.

You cannot restore Delta habitat without first determining how much fresh water the Delta needs to survive and thrive. Restoration of fresh water flows from the San Joaquin River in the south Delta are particularly important.

The tunnels will need more upstream storage facilities to feed fresh water into them. These include raising Shasta Dam, building the Sites Reservoir, and possibly reviving the Auburn Dam on the American River and the Dos Rios Dam on the Eel. The environmental, cultural, and financial impacts of these controversial projects are a significant foreseeable but ignored impact of the BDCP.

Water management in the State of California is dysfunctional and needs repair. I agree with the UC Davis Center for Watershed Science as they posted on CaliforniaWaterBlog.com (<http://californiawaterblog.com/2014/01/07/resistance-is-futile-inevitable-changes-to-water-management-in-california/>):

(1) Some few western Delta islands should be flooded and restored, (2) water diversions from the Delta must be reduced, (3) the Tulare and San Joaquin River Basins are over-cultivated, are depleting ground- and surface water and in some areas soils leach selenium - some of this land should be bought out and fallowed and remaining agriculture must have regulated water use (4) urban areas must use less water - Los Angeles and San Francisco may be down to 150 gpcd, but Hillsborough and Holmby Hills certainly are not. There's still tons of waste. (5) UC Davis cites Peter Moylin in predicting some extinctions may be inevitable - here I disagree and agree with Peter Moyle's own prescriptions (posted on February 17, 2014 by UC Davis Center for Watershed Sciences on <http://californiawaterblog.com/>): more dams need

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removing, more Delta channels need restoring, commercial fishing needs to stop taking the oldest biggest and most productive fish and hatcheries need to maintain populations with stream-specific fidelity.

(6) Water supplies must become more local. (7) Regulations must be effective. (8) Groundwater quality needs greater protection. (9) Groundwater quantity needs protection. (10) The Salton Sea should be abandoned and the Colorado River Delta should be restored. What's needed is a statewide revision of water management, not a pair of tunnels.]

I believe that the BDCP should include, and I would support, an alternative that significantly reduces Delta exports and focuses instead on restoring habitat and threatened and endangered species in the Delta, improves Delta water quality by providing sufficient fresh water inflow from both the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers, and that includes a pragmatic plan to sustainably meeting California's water needs. This can be done by increasing agricultural and urban water use efficiency, capturing and treating storm water, recycling urban waste water, cleaning up polluted 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. Janice Dougall
27472 Country Glen Rd
Agoura Hills, CA 91301-3533
(818) 735-9792

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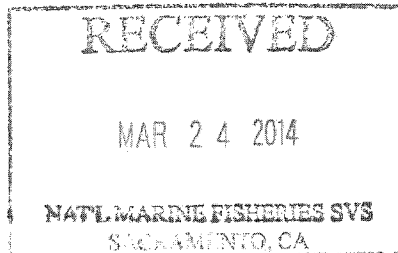
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Ryan Wuff, NMFS

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Sacramento, CA 95814



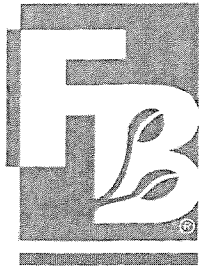
Dear Mr. Woof,

The Farm Bureau Delta Caucus represents the five Farm Bureaus within the Delta. Agriculture is the main economy in the Delta and production is deeply woven in to the fabric of the community with many incidental businesses in the region sustained by crop production. Because agriculture is so essential to the Delta, we have expressed our concerns regarding the Bay-Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and the effects it may have on water quality, the amount of prime agriculture lost to construction and mitigation, and how this will affect the Delta community, economically or otherwise.

Unfortunately, the answers to these questions are buried in 34,000 pages of information. The EIR and EIS for the BDCP are highly detailed, technical reports that need to be first filtered, and second understood. The time period to both read and analyze the environmental documents is not reasonable. We respectfully request an additional one hundred and twenty (120) days to review these documents.

The addition of more time will allow us to give these documents the attention necessary considering the scope of this project. The ability of any agency to provide thoughtful comments on this plan considering the too short comment period and the voluminous documents is nil. The public comment period is a necessary part of the public process that is particularly important in this instance considering the magnitude of impacts the BDCP will have on the Delta community that are apparent without so much as a cursory glance to the environmental documents.

The planning process of the BDCP has left much to be desired in the way of transparency. The open house events are designed to further confuse the public by offering bits and pieces of the project at different stations rather than offering a comprehensive overview of the project in a seminar form that would better inform and include members of the community.



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Furthermore, the refusal by the state to release comments as they are received is a blatant attempt and stifling the public comment period instead of encouraging participation.

Our concerns remain that the BDCP will have a detrimental effect on water quality within the Delta, and the construction, mitigation, and habitat projects will remove valuable agricultural land from production and subsequently the businesses and community will suffer. We respectfully request that the the state extend the comment period at least another 120 days and release the comments on the EIR/ EIS as they are received. Our detailed comments regarding specific issues will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Russell G. van der Beek".

From: Joseph Sutton <joe.r.sutton@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 02, 2014 8:25 PM
To: BDCP.comments@noaa.gov
Subject: Fwd: Draft BDCP and Associated Draft EIR/EIS Comment Period Extended to June 13, 2014

BDCP Draft EIR/EIS Comments

> The Draft EIR/EIS appears well documented and supported by factual and scientific based data. The focus on conservation and rebuilding the habitats for endangered species while allowing for removal of water from the Sacramento River delta is thorough and considers several alternatives with their associated costs. While the need for conservation and habitat mitigation is sound and well researched, what does not appear to be addressed is the justification for or the actual demand for removal of water to meet stakeholder needs. Specifically, this document should include a detailed analysis of the current and future needs of agribusiness and municipal water districts together with current supplies. It should also include a review of the capacity of the Delta Mendota Aqueduct as well as the other delivery conduits for each stakeholder. In addition, the capacity of the various tunnel and fore bay options should be reviewed in light of these demands and existing conveyances south of the delta to justify the logic and consistency of the total water delivery system to become part of the expanded SWP. These questions were asked during the public meetings last Summer but were neither answered during the meetings nor during follow up email requests.

> Another area that is not addressed in the Draft EIR/EIS is if any substantive analysis has been done to determine the feasibility of reducing current and future demand by the stakeholders thru comprehensive conservation measures. We have all heard and seen the examples of poor usage and wastage of water by residential users statewide. While many municipal water districts have instituted programs of incentives to encourage home owners to install low volume toilets and restricting shower heads, no substantive measures have been undertaken to limit water usage for residential irrigation. What impact could this have on demand? It seems that DWR has an opportunity to develop a highly effective standard for reducing wastage by instituting requirements of stakeholders thru the SWP and setting the bar for other major municipal water districts that obtain water from other sources.

> Overall, it appears that the Draft EIR/EIS starts with the apparent acceptance that the demand for water now and in the future has been justified and the need has been clearly quantified. More work is needed to fill in this serious gap in the document.

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April 2, 2014

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

Re: Port of Stockton Comments on the BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS

Dear Mr. Wulff:

The Port of Stockton (Port) has reviewed the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and corresponding Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) published in December 2013. As a key stakeholder in the region with interests potentially affected by the actions proposed in these documents, the Port is hereby providing these comments on the BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS. We respectfully request that the National Marine Fisheries Service and other agencies developing the BDCP and EIR/EIS consider our input and respond accordingly.

As stated in the BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS Section 19.1.3 (Transportation), the BDCP will be implemented within an important marine commerce area, including the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC), which terminates at the Port. Infrastructure maintenance and navigation improvements at the Port and within the Stockton DWSC are routine and critical for supporting vital marine commerce. The Port partners with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to implement annual maintenance dredging, and is the local sponsor for the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Study, which evaluates planned navigation improvements in the channel.

The BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS appear to exclude from their analyses the current efforts underway to deepen the Stockton DWSC as well as the ongoing need to maintain and operate dredged material placement sites for routine USACE and Port maintenance dredging programs. As such, the Port believes that it is important to acknowledge these potential

impacts in both the BDCP and associated EIR/EIS, as well as for the BDCP implementing agencies to work with the Port and USACE to proactively plan for these efforts alongside proposed BDCP actions. Our specific comments are presented in the following paragraphs.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE BDCP

1. The Port is specifically concerned with the assumption in the BDCP that no new navigation deepening projects will occur in the region. As noted above, the Port and USACE are currently completing the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Study, in which the following elements are being analyzed:
 - Deepening the Stockton DWSC by 3 to 5 feet, plus allowable overdepth
 - Placing dredged material at the Montezuma Wetlands Restoration Site (Montezuma)
 - Restoring marsh habitat at Suisun Marsh as mitigation
 - Restoring marsh habitat at Franks Tract, Big Break, and/or Little Franks Tract through beneficially reusing dredged material

The Port understands that the BDCP and San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Study could have cumulative impacts on salinity intrusion and sensitive species that need to be understood in a holistic and collaborative sense. Specific to our deepening project, the Port and USACE are actively working together and with regional experts to understand and mitigate these impacts.

2. The Port and USACE each own and maintain a number of upland dredged material placement sites in the vicinity of the Port and along the Stockton DWSC that are used to stockpile and beneficially reuse sediment from annual maintenance dredging of the channel. The Port and USACE have worked closely with local stakeholders to ensure the availability of these sites for use as part of ongoing maintenance dredging programs as well as by the deepening project.

Several of the sites being considered for restoration or mitigation for the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Study are also identified in the BDCP as Restoration Opportunity Areas (ROAs). Specifically, Montezuma, Suisun Marsh, and Big Break are identified in the BDCP as part of the Suisun Marsh and West Delta ROAs (see Figure 3.2-2). The BDCP indicates that at least 7,000 acres within the Suisun Marsh ROA and 2,100 acres within the West Delta ROA would be restored to tidal habitat (see page 3.4-126). This may be an incompatible endpoint given the critical nature of these sites.

3. The restoration projects proposed by the BDCP would be numerous and large; over 60,000 acres of tidal wetland restoration is planned. In some areas, fill will be required to raise elevations needed for successful restoration. This element of the BDCP poses the opportunity to collaborate with other regional restoration initiatives as well as to compete with other sediment-producing projects seeking upland restoration areas.

To ensure that the large-scale restoration efforts proposed by the BDCP can be as well-coordinated regionally as possible, we encourage the agencies developing the BDCP to work proactively with the Port and USACE in identifying collaborative opportunities for developing restoration sites that would use dredged sediment or soils that do not interfere with ongoing maintenance and capital improvements in the Stockton DWSC. As such, the Port requests that the following changes be made to the BDCP:

- Please modify Chapter 3.2 to indicate that restoration activities would be coordinated with ongoing navigation improvement projects or Port activities that overlap in area or goals, or compete for resources. The chapter should specifically state that the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Study identifies Suisun Marsh and Big Break as restoration sites, and Montezuma as a beneficial reuse site for dredged material. These sites should also be removed from the ROAs shown on Figure 3.2-2.
- Please indicate that the BDCP implementing authority will coordinate with the Port and USACE on any activities that could potentially affect their activities, including maintenance, navigation improvements, and vessel traffic.

SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT EIR/EIS

4. The San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Study is listed but explicitly excluded from consideration under the existing conditions, No Action/No Project, and cumulative impact analysis in the Draft EIR/EIS (see page 3D-96 of Appendix 3D – Defining Existing Conditions, No Action Alternative, No Project Alternative, and Cumulative Impact Conditions). Other navigation improvement projects are also excluded, with the exception of Suisun Bay Channel Operations and Maintenance. As such, the Port requests that the following changes be made to the EIR/EIS:
 - a. Please change Appendix 3D to indicate that the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Study is an active project that should be considered in the cumulative impact analysis. Although it is in the planning stage, it is important to acknowledge this project specifically and plan for combined

impacts, mitigation needs, and dredged material placement site constraints and opportunities. Construction of the first phase of this project may proceed as early as 2017.

- b. In Section 19.1.3.2 (Transportation, Marine Facilities; see page 19-22), please include a more complete description of the Port's activities to acknowledge current operations, such as ongoing vessel use, maintenance activities, and planned improvements/operations.
- c. In the cumulative impact analysis, please include a description of the synergies and conflicts between ongoing navigation operations and maintenance efforts, the San Francisco Bay to Stockton Navigation Improvement Study, and BDCP activities including the following:
 - Shared objectives for beneficial reuse of dredged material for habitat restoration, land subsidence reduction in Delta islands, and levee stabilization on Delta islands
 - Common needs for dredged material management areas
 - Cumulative salinity intrusion and sensitive species impacts
- d. Please indicate that the BDCP implementing authority will coordinate with the Port and USACE on any activities that could potentially affect their activities, including maintenance, navigation improvements, and vessel traffic.

We appreciate your review and incorporation of our comments on the BDCP and Draft EIR/EIS. The Port suggests a meeting with your authority to share our project information and knowledge, and we are more than happy to work directly with you to implement these changes. Please let us know if you require additional clarification or information.

Sincerely,



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Comments on the DRAFT BDCP EIR/EIS - March 10, 2014
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My Comments largely are based on the agency's BDCP Preferred Alternative (4). My recommendation is to adopt the No Project Alternative.

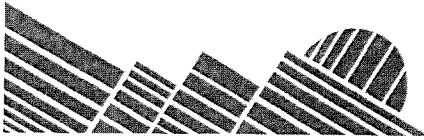
1. NOAA, EPA, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Calif. Resources Dept., Cal. Dept. of Fish and Game are all agencies that are supposed to base their proposals and decisions on good science and the law. However, in reading the DRAFT EIR/EIS for the BDCP, it is clear that neither science or the law is being followed, and that if the preferred Alternative (4) is approved it will be in violation of several state and federal laws, as well as it having being passed not based on good science, but on moneyed interests and regional politics.
2. This is not a Bay Delta "Conservation" Plan, for it does just the opposite to the Bay Delta by diverting massive amounts of fresh water to the Central Valley and Southern California, which instead of "conserving" the Bay Delta, will destroy it and also irreversibly harm Suisun Marsh and San Francisco Bay, as well.
3. The adverse effects of the BDCP so far out-weigh any positive effects created to the end uses, that they must, by law, be rejected.
 - 3a. If the proposed project goes through, it will permanently and severely lower the ground-water table in the Sacramento - San Joaquin Valleys.
 - 3b. If the proposed project goes through, it will severely raise Bromide levels to dangerous and unlawful levels.
 - 3c. If the proposed project goes through, it will severely raise Salinity to levels in the Bay Delta, Suisun Marsh and San Francisco Bay that will adversely affect Endangered and Threatened Species.
4. No amount of so called "mitigation" can make up for the loss of millions upon millions of gallons of fresh water that will be diverted from Northern California rivers to the South, and this BDCP will have permanent adverse affects on the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta, the Suisun Marsh, and the San Francisco Bay.

Conclusion: By law and good science you have no option but to REJECT the preferred Alternative 4.
Note: As a user or Bay Delta water, as a visitor to enjoy its fish and wildlife, as a resident of the area, these comments hereby grant me "standing" in case legal actions are called for, if this process is not concluded as it should be under the law.

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Signed, Edward Loosli

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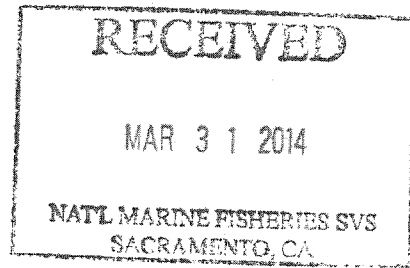
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March 25, 2014

BDCP Comments
 Ryan Wulff, NMFS
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Dear Mr. Wulff:

On behalf of the Glendale Association of REALTORS, I am writing to express our support for the Bay Delta Conservations plan, and specifically Alternative #4 as written in the DEIR.

There is an urgent need to both protect California's water delivery system and the ecosystem of the Delta. We believe Alternative #4 is the best answer to both.

The time for talk is past us. It is time for action on government's part to move forward with a reasonable solution that safeguards Northern California's current water supply, ensures that Southern California is not horrifically hurt from lack of water should there be an earthquake that damages the current water delivery system, and that the delicate nature of the Delta's ecosystem is restored and maintained.

We support the BDCP, especially Alternative #4, and urge all action to move this plan toward approval and construction.

Sincerely,

Rick Barnes
 President

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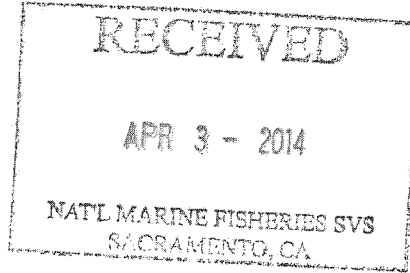
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April 1, 2014



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Re: Support For BDCP Alternative #4

Dear Mr. Wulff:

Please know that our Chamber supports the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) and that Alternative #4, as outlined in the Draft Environmental Impact Report Environmental/Impact Statement, will serve as the best approach for addressing the current challenges with California's water supply delivery system and Delta ecosystem.

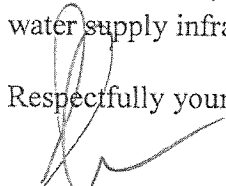
The draft plan and environmental documents identify several options, but Alternative #4 will provide:

- Three new intakes on the Sacramento River in the northern Delta
- A 9,000 cfs tunnel system to convey water to the aqueduct system

Combining these with a comprehensive habitat conservation plan for the Delta is, in our opinion, the best alternative to meet California's co-equal goals of water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem restoration.

It is our hope the BDCP, with Alternative #4, will lead to a final plan of action that offers the best solution to minimize seismic risk to our state's water supply infrastructure while addressing the Delta's ecosystem needs.

Respectfully yours,

  
Gary Olson  
President-CEO

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Will there be any presentations or webinars on the Plan and EIR/EIS? Any videos about the planning process?

Thank you for your response

Keith Woodcock, AICP
City Planner
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To start off, my name is Jason Glaser and I was born and raised in Northern California and I take great pride in this beautiful state and that is why I am choosing to speak out against the drafted legislation BDCP.

I currently own property on the delta in Discovery Bay, California and the drafted EIR/EIS does not address specific issues that will impact my life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which are unalienable rights granted to every citizen of the United States and was the basis of how this country was formed in 1776. There is no assessment in the draft that accounts for project's impact on water quality to residents living in Discovery Bay due to the decreased flow of fresh water through the delta. This will impact my life and the lives of numerous other people depending on the delta for fresh water. The proposal also does not take into account the impact on recreational activities for those who use the delta daily as a form of liberty and happiness. The decreased flow of water through the delta system will create stagnant water, which will bring undesirable bacteria and potentially pose health risks to children swimming it daily. Possibly reducing recreation in the delta is a direct assault on the liberty of the many citizens who enjoy it daily. I demand that the water quality and flow in and around the Discovery Bay area be monitored and accessed in the drafted proposal.


If water quality and flow were to be impacted in Discovery Bay, then home valuations would fall as a direct result in the negative impacts to the environment that this draft is not due diligently addressing. Many lawsuits would result if the legislation failed to address these types of issues. That is why I think it is in project's best interest to address these types of issues upfront, instead of trying to push half-baked legislation through.

Apart from my own personal view, which are shared by all 15,000+ citizens in Discovery Bay, I believe there are other more compelling reasons why this project draft is completely flawed and a total waste of tax payer money.

1. The most compelling reason why this project is a waste of tax payer money is that NO NEW WATER will be generated as part of this project. To spend 13.5 billion dollars (assuming that is what the final cost will actually be) and create no new water in the process is a glaring flaw in the project. During a time of severe drought, the last year has shocked California and made us realize even our state, rich with natural resources, needs to better plan for the future in order to be sustainable. We should be using the 13.5 billion dollars to promote conservation and create new technology to capture and re-cycle water, rather than re-route water from point A to point B. This makes no sense, and the draft fails to address this issue in the cost/benefit analysis.
2. Why would we re-route water further south to much dryer farmland? Being that the delta has rich soils due to the decades of sediment run-off the system has created it makes no sense to take the water out of this system and use it to water desert land. There needs to be a cost/benefit analysis included that addressing the re-routing of water to be used on farmland in the central and southern valleys.
3. The construction of the project that is estimated at 10-15 years conflicts directly with the Delta Plan that was adopted in 2013 to protect delta ecosystem and water quality. There needs to be an explanation made as to how this project is going to maintain the ecosystem and water quality in the delta.

The list of reasons why the BDCP draft is completely and utterly flawed is why I am opposed to the project. I am demanding that the issues laid out in my argument above be addressed in project proposal or I do not foresee success in this project's future.

Regards,

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. WILLIAM SOARES

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2 William Soares, S-O-A-R-E-S.

3 I'm a plumbing contractor and I have a
4 resolution to the problem. They're trying to tear up
5 the Delta and make this water -- we have the freshest
6 water in the world sitting in an Alaskan ice sheet. All
7 we have to do -- we have already two coming down with
8 oil -- pump water down in a tube, put turbines in it,
9 and produce energy. On that ice sheet it has sand and
10 gravel which can be used in Alaska, and gold which you
11 can have.

12 We also have an aqueduct going all the way down
13 to Los Angeles, and we can put turbines on top of that
14 aqueduct and produce energy.

15 The problem is down in Los Angeles, the water
16 down there, people putting drugs into the toilets and
17 they can't take the drugs out of the toilets.

18 We should have done this years ago and not be
19 in the situation we are now that -- it's not rocket
20 science out here, and if somebody came to me I could
21 tell them a lot more exactly, not just in this project,
22 but other things that are happening with our thinking,
23 our process.

24 I sat in on this meeting this morning, and \$6.5
25 billion? I'm a contractor, I know I can make -- have

1 water all the way from Washington, Oregon, California,
2 Arizona, Nevada, every state, not just in the United
3 States, we're talking the world.

4 We can do this because if one of these ice
5 sheets falls, the water levels are going to come out.
6 We start taking that water, melting that water, putting
7 it someplace else, we're not going to have the rising
8 levels, it's not going to be here in California. It's
9 New York as well.

10 What Japan has done, they've been taking
11 icebergs and making bottled water, freshest water in the
12 world, \$25 for one bottle of water. The ice is so pure,
13 it's pink and blue, and they make exotic drinks, they
14 charge \$60 for a drink. That's all. I have lots more.

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1 COMMENTS BY DR. JAMES STEVENSON

2 James Stevenson, Ph.D.

3 The fundamental problem with which we are faced
4 today regarding water resources is the mistaken sense of
5 abundance of water based on historic experience in
6 Northern California.

7 The seeming abundance of this resource is
8 similar in many respects to the apparent abundance of
9 woodlands in our countries with which our early pioneers
10 were faced. We quickly discovered the forests were not
11 unlimited. Such is the case, unfortunately, with water
12 resources.

13 This basic fact of constant growth year over
14 year in every area of financial and commercial endeavor,
15 fueled by the issue of population growth, should raise a
16 red flag regarding conservation of our most essential
17 resource on which life depends, our water supply.

18 In Governor Brown's plan, the BDCP does not
19 require the necessary substantial revision of customary
20 water use through significant new water recycling or
21 desalination in coastal areas, particularly in the south
22 end of the state.

23 In other arid parts of the world, desalination
24 has provided water for a thirsty populace, and as a part
25 of a comprehensive water plan could bring new water

1 supplies to coastal Southern California.

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2 As Congressman Garamendi points out, prices
3 have dropped for technology such as this. One of those
4 new technologies, which is much cheaper in 2014 than it
5 was just a dozen years ago, is the power source for
6 desalinating salt water. New ideas are emerging which
7 show much promise.

8 For example, last year saw the announcement of
9 Carnegie Wave Energy's upcoming desalination plan near
10 Perth, Australia. It will use the company's underwater
11 bouy technology to harness ocean wave force to
12 pressurize the water, cutting out the fossil
13 fuel-powered electric pumps that usually force water
14 through the membrane in the desalination process. The
15 resulting system will result in a carbon-free and
16 efficient system in terms of both energy and cost.

17 A quick look at the water flow in the
18 Sacramento River over the past two decades shows that
19 approximately six months out of the year there is
20 somewhere between fifteen and 20,000 cubic feet per
21 second of water flowing in the Sacramento River. The
22 BDCP proposal has the capacity to transport, as I
23 understand it, 15,000 cubic feet per second at its
24 maximum.

25 As we know, this year in our rainy season we

1 should be able to export water; however, this month the
2 American River is flowing at 500 cubic feet per second,
3 and the Sacramento River is flowing at 3,250 cubic feet
4 per second. These rivers supply the City of Sacramento,
5 which has just come through the driest year on record,
6 and is looking at a snow pack which refreshes the
7 reservoirs of just 17 percent of normal.

8 The San Jose Mercury News reported on January
9 26th, 2014, just two days ago, that through studies of
10 tree rings, sediment, and other natural evidence,
11 researchers have documented multiple droughts in
12 California that lasted ten or twenty years in a row
13 during the past one thousand years compared to a mere
14 three year duration of the current dry spell.

15 I propose that the Bay Delta Conservation Plan
16 be shelved in favor of Congressman Garamendi's approach.

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1 COMMENTS BY DR. ELMER CEDER

2 Dr. Elmer Ceder, C-E-D-E-R.

3 I live in Fairfield, California. I'm the
4 president of the Solano Rod and Gun Club, a group of 40
5 fishermen and hunters. And it has been in existence
6 since 1980.

7 I'd like to make some comments about what I
8 have seen happen to the Sacramento Delta. I came here
9 in 1969. I'm an avid hunter and fisherman. And in
10 19 -- in 1976 there were a top -- there was the most
11 salmon, the most striped bass, no endangered smelt, and
12 everything was in balance.

13 Since 2001, since the increased amount of
14 pumping of the water out of the Clifton forebay, I have
15 seen a decrease in the water quality of the Sacramento
16 Delta, affecting not only fish, but the bait fish, the
17 birds, and all the wildlife that I have seen for the
18 last 40 years.

19 There's been many of our members not even
20 wanting to utilize the Delta anymore or buy fishing and
21 hunting licenses because they feel that there isn't
22 enough reason for them to even pursue that.

23 My feelings on this proposed plan, I like the
24 conservation part of it. I think that flooding the
25 areas for more wildlife habitat and to increase the

1 Delta for habitat increasing is a valuable tool; but I'm
2 afraid that by taking more water out of the Sacramento
3 River above the Delta there won't be the normal flushing
4 action that has occurred for thousands of years that has
5 created the Delta's wildlife and species. And so that
6 that part of the plan, I think, will make the Delta even
7 worse for, not only me, but for all the generations to
8 come.

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COMMENTS BY MR. MIKE REAGAN

Mike Reagan.

I'm from Vacaville, California. And first comment that I have is that we spent ten years doing the Suisun Marsh Plan that got the approval from all of the regulatory agencies that chop off the BDCP.

The suggestion is that the BDCP adopt all of the provisions and become consistent with the Suisun Marsh Plan.

As I think of another, I'll come back.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. SCOTT D. MILLER

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2 Scott D. Miller, last name M-I-L-L-E-R.

3 My major concerns with this are probably
4 environmental in origin. And I understand that we have
5 to balance the limited resources, water resources we
6 have, but I'm very concerned about, you know, I guess
7 the environmental and the salmon and fisheries that
8 don't have the luxury of, if they go extinct they can't
9 be simply replanted like some agricultural issues. So
10 my main concern would be how strong the environmental
11 safeguards and guarantees would be in this project.

12 And I know political, you know, persuasions
13 change all the time. And I would be concerned about
14 long-term political shifts that would be more supportive
15 of agribusiness rather than environmental.

16 I remember very well in 2002 Klamath River had
17 a similar water diversion that resulted in a
18 catastrophic loss of salmon fishery up there, hundreds
19 of thousands of fish were dead after the government --
20 federal government guaranteed there would be no impact
21 from water diversions. And then the investigation
22 resulting from that die-off stated that the death of a
23 salmon was actually due to diseases, not directly to the
24 water, which everybody knew was the wrong conclusion.

25 So I'm a little concerned that there's built-in

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1 extra water pumping capacity as a political, you know,
2 political ally shift, but that wouldn't be taken
3 advantage of. So environmental concerns and guarantees.

4 I guess the second real quick concern would be
5 costs associated and how they're paid back long term by
6 water users. And I guess water managers or people who
7 are going to invest in this water infrastructure will
8 obviously want to be paid back, it would be like an
9 investment. And what kind of guarantees are there
10 around, you know, the state water users in, you know,
11 their long-term cost to pay this investment back.

12 Because it's kind of -- to me it seems like
13 it's kind of a wolf in sheep's clothing; yeah, you get
14 this for free, but we could be stuck paying this back
15 for decades and decades, and my kids' kids could pay,
16 potentially be paying this back in either environmental
17 impact or cost, taxes or increased water rates.

18 So those are my concerns.

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1 Number three, fracking. We should be informed
2 of any possible use of the project water for fracking.
3 There is a lack of information on the subject in the
4 materials that I've seen. I think that the BDCP should
5 provide the people with an assurance that this water
6 shipped south will not be used for fracking.

7 Number four. I've seen a recent suggestion
8 that a great part of this problem can be solved by
9 buying out the west lands agricultural interests. I
10 think that the volume of water recovered from the
11 wasteful application in the western San Joaquin Valley
12 would satisfy many of the demands that are being placed
13 on our resources. I think that this should rise to the
14 status of a formal alternative in the plan.

15 And then finally, I think I join others in
16 asking for an extension of this comment period for at
17 least another sixty days.

18 Thank you for the opportunity to speak and to
19 be heard.

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1 COMMENTS BY MR. ROBERT WALKER

2 Robert Walker.

3 My concern is if they divert so much water
4 toward the Delta, like a few years ago they didn't put
5 any toward the Klamath River up north and we lost tens
6 of thousands of salmon, not little fish, we're talking
7 30, 40, 50-pounders. And this year the water came late,
8 they finally got there, so the fish basically locked
9 themselves up -- because the water was too warm coming
10 down, so they locked themselves up right at the mouth of
11 the Klamath, they stayed right there within maybe a 500
12 yard section of the Klamath. And then once the water
13 got cold enough, then they started going upstream.

14 So they should allow people to vote on this
15 thing instead of cram it through. There's a lot of
16 people -- I talked to one gentleman here who said he
17 went to the fish show up in Sacramento, and hardly
18 anybody knew about this meeting or any of the meetings.
19 So they need to put more word out, and they need to let
20 people know what the heck is going on, because I don't
21 think this is right.

22 They need to put desalination plans in Southern
23 California. I understood from the one lady down here
24 that they have one in Southern California, and that's
25 the L.A. area, and they don't have anything in San

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1 Diego. So they're still relying on Northern California
2 for their water.

3 I read an article in here recently that we
4 could be on the verge of a 180-year drought, and if that
5 happens, there ain't going to be any water anywhere, so
6 what are they going to do then? They need to start
7 planning ahead instead of worrying about putting tunnels
8 in, and start building plants.

9 And if there are fish screens on this new pump,
10 why they can't put the fish net screens on the old pumps
11 to cover it, like these little, I guess there was little
12 fish about this big. Back east they eat 'em, boil 'em,
13 and put 'em in a pot.

14 Anyway. That's all I got to say. Thank you.

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1 FURTHER COMMENTS BY MR. MIKE REAGAN

2 Mike Reagan.

3 So there's a proposal for a state park on
4 Barker Slough which is underneath the flight path of
5 Travis Air Force Base and very -- in an area where
6 there's very high noise, and that putting a public park
7 where you would have to provide everybody hearing
8 protection doesn't make a hell of a lot of sense.

9 And then on the agricultural mitigations for
10 the loss of the tens of thousands of acres that they
11 intend to take out of the agricultural economy in Solano
12 County, the mitigations are inadequate. They should
13 calculate the economic impact with multipliers, and they
14 should ensure that there is investments that will
15 generate equivalent or better economic activity in the
16 county, as well as mitigate all of the lost sales tax
17 revenue, property tax revenues, and mosquito abatement
18 district fees, and all the other things that would need
19 to be done.

20 But the impact has -- the mitigation has to be
21 done in such a way that in perpetuity and an inflation
22 adjusted mechanism that there is no net loss in economic
23 activity from the discretionary act of taking the ag
24 land out of production.

25 There is a priority of water rights that's in

1 state law that has been litigated through the State
2 Supreme Court and upheld multiple times that doesn't
3 seem to be reflected in the plan to -- when there's a
4 supply shortage to provide reliability to people with
5 inferior junior water rights. So how is this system
6 going to be adjusted to reflect the priority of water
7 rights for those in the area of origin with riparian
8 water rights?

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My name is Marvin Dean. I'm here representing myself and my association, which is called the Kern County Minority Contractors Association. We support the fact that we need to have a statewide water district, so we support this project.

But the only concern is that it be a balanced project between the environmental concerns, the growers that need water, and the public. So whatever we do is just try to make sure it's a win-win for all that's concerned, and it's a balanced project.

But we need to get ahead of the project and get prepared for the future, because of the needs of the state in terms of water. And the fact is, if we don't improve the Delta -- because I am in disaster preparedness, I believe a major disaster of an earthquake is something that could contaminate that system. So we need to have this.

I know a lot of people saying, "Well, it's not something we need to worry about," but then we have that where the beavers went in and breached the dam. So we need to prepare for our future.

And then my other concern is that it really gets into if this project is going to come through this

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1 valley, who's going to get the jobs? And who's going to
2 get the contracts? And my concern is, I want to see
3 diversity on these projects in terms of the work force
4 and also the contracts.

5 That's the same thing with high speed rail.
6 The project comes through our neighborhood, we want to
7 get the economic benefit from it. And the fact that
8 this project is probably going to go forward -- I
9 believe you're going to get enough support to move it
10 forward -- that early in the process we make sure that
11 the people in the valley is going to benefit, not only
12 getting the project through their neighborhood, but we
13 get the first crack at the jobs and contracts. So it
14 would be something to put together to make sure we
15 benefit from that.

16 Then the second thing is, we're going to be
17 putting together a transportation summit here in
18 Bakersfield, March 26th through the 27th. And I'm
19 asking that someone from the water agency come and be a
20 part of the conference, to talk about what are the
21 opportunities available on water projects that are going
22 on through the state, as far as people that want to get
23 jobs and contracts.

24 The reason I say California transportation
25 summit, which I'm submitting a flyer into your record

1 that's part of my comments, but you say what does water
2 have to do with transportation? But I look at the
3 water -- Delta system as a part of transportation that's
4 moving waterways. And we're having the California
5 Secretary of Transportation, that's a newly appointed
6 position by the governor, that's confirmed to be here.
7 High speed rail will be here. Caltrans will be here,
8 and we also invited the governor.

9 The governor did visit our city day before
10 yesterday, and he said he wanted to come back. So this
11 morning I got ahold of his scheduler, and we invited him
12 to come. So we would like to have someone from the
13 water department, the state water resource as well,
14 because I know that they have a lot of projects and
15 they're under the state goal for small business,
16 disadvantage business, and also veteran business.

17 So other than that, I just wanted to welcome
18 you guys to Bakersfield, and say that some of us are
19 supportive. And I'm an African American, for the
20 record. The reason I say that is because a lot of my
21 constituency doesn't come to these things. And that's
22 why I'm speaking for my association, that we too are
23 concerned about what's happening in the big picture.

24 But we're also concerned about the jobs, if we
25 are going to be paying for this. Because I'm sure

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1 there's some kind of user fee or taxpayer that's going
2 to pick up the cost sometime, and we're all going to be
3 supporting it. So it's very important that everybody be
4 involved in the economic benefit of it. So that's my
5 concerns.

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3 I am Dennis Fox, that's D-e-n-n-i-s, two Ns.
4 Fox, with one X, F-o-x. Middle initial is G, Gregory.
5 So it's D.G. Fox as in decomposed granite.

6 For fire restoration, I was on the upper
7 watersheds as in where the decomposed granite fills up
8 the -- and first thing I'd like to talk about is the
9 extended effects of global warming, where we're now --
10 it's still -- you know, we're having almost a year-round
11 growing season, and what is growing is brush. And we're
12 getting crown fires in the forest, rather than brush
13 fires that clean it out. And no shade. No snow. Mud
14 going in, filling up the reservoirs, so we're having
15 water loss. So is that going to be the new norm? And
16 nobody is looking at that. And putting on Band-Aids on
17 the Delta may not be appropriate.

18 And the water going into the reservoirs -- the
19 Shasta, for example, has not been finished. World War
20 II came along, and they took the cement and built
21 runways for bombers. And should we finish it? They
22 probably can't, because somebody -- the lake would go
23 into wild and scenic river areas that preclude, you
24 know -- take forever to get that done. So if not, could
25 fuse gates, f-u-s-e g-a-t-e-s -- they're a French bucket

1 that goes on top of dams to raise the level of the dam a
2 ways. Very cost effective. And they have them here on
3 the Kaweah River outside of Visalia, and they raised
4 that water level. And if that could be done, and if
5 temporarily or -- you know, and they are a towered
6 balanced bucket. When the water -- and they're hollow.
7 When the water gets into the -- goes in over the top, it
8 doesn't -- they don't overtop, because they tip. They
9 get water in them, and they tip. Very -- they're
10 well-hated by all American engineers, because they were
11 invented in France. Those people build big towers and
12 stuff like that, nobody likes that. So anyway, that is
13 a major thing.

14 What is going on with Sites Reservoir, which
15 probably is never going to happen? And it wouldn't
16 affect the Delta that much anyway, or would it?

17 Also, on that Sacramento River, is the -- there
18 are -- there are several duck refuges. I've been
19 looking at duck refuges, because while they have the
20 "Don't Move a Mussel" on the reservoirs, they do not
21 have it at the duck refuges. And people might -- and
22 they go hunting in boats, and the hunters have waders
23 and their dogs and their decoys, and all the other stuff
24 can transport zebra mussels.

25 And let's say the -- and the funding that might

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1 work on that would be from the Buchanan Bill that just
2 passed, to get these things done. It's just an
3 oversight. You know, it's done in other states, they
4 just haven't done it here.

5 And coming down into the Delta, I'm wondering,
6 what are they put -- what is the formations that they
7 are putting these tunnels into? And the rock, is it
8 igneous or is it sedimentary, you know, which is -- or
9 will they be going through the fill of the Delta -- you
10 know, muck and -- you know, I don't want to say muck --
11 but which can be quite different building a tunnel,
12 which they would have to concrete, and that would --

13 And I keep thinking of the Hayward fault
14 seismic problems. I had problems with the chain of
15 lakes, which was the previous Bay Delta magic bullet, to
16 cure all our problems. Which is the problem that we are
17 having is magic bullets. For example, the cure at Red
18 Bluff Diversion Dam, which was going to cure everything,
19 and then the next thing is going to cure everything, and
20 the next thing -- I've gotten quite cynical about these
21 cures.

22 I was wondering if the chain of lakes, maybe
23 keep it on the surface. If -- if bayou might work. As
24 in our governor's previous girlfriend, when he was
25 previous governor, beautiful voice of Linda Ronstadt,

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1 Blue Bayou. So maybe -- maybe he'd go for that. So
2 anyway, really a shame -- I really think -- I always
3 thought her Blue Bayou was probably really up there.
4 But anyway -- you don't have to put that in.

5 Anyway, what I was looking at is the hundred
6 thousand acres of mitigation that they want to do, and
7 if the bayou can be project and self-mitigated -- or
8 not. I don't know.

9 And the other thing is, is they're supposed to
10 keep areas on the tax roll. And so, therefore, anything
11 they do with state parks is out. State parks never pays
12 taxes. Fish and game rarely does. So my thing is, the
13 state giving it -- having that done using the
14 Pittman-Robertson funding of the federal government,
15 using federal duck stamps, you know, and federal
16 funding, and Dingell-Johnson. These are federal excise
17 taxes that would be -- could be applied. And have it
18 done by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The upside
19 being, they pay in-lieu fees of taxes to the local
20 counties. The downside is, is around here they've been
21 getting into being parks, concentrating on parks rather
22 than wildlife.

23 And, you know, the state parks, of course, are
24 going to be into parks people first, wildlife second.
25 And the object of the mitigation is wildlife first,

1 people second. That's -- not that park people are evil,
2 it's just that that is their mandate.

3 Next thing, why I would bring that up is,
4 you're in Bakersfield. At the last drought, there was a
5 great deal of whining and gnashing of teeth, that the
6 state bought twice -- twice they paid for a water bank
7 west of this town. This water bank seems to be operated
8 like the AIG bank. It's been looted. When it was
9 given, the state bought it and de facto gave it to
10 private party, 60 percent of it. They have formed a
11 marketing committee to sell that water out of the basin.
12 Not all that legal or ethical. It has no water in it,
13 so it isn't doing the locals any good.

14 The City of Bakersfield uses one-eighth of the
15 water in this county on the project, pays seven-eighths
16 of that project cost. City -- the town of Lost Hills
17 has no lawns in it, very good, because they can't afford
18 it because they are paying for their same people -- they
19 are paying Paramount's employ -- their employer water
20 bill.

21 And this is -- and the lack of water meters and
22 other parks, you know, they're supposed to -- is that
23 the cost is falling disproportionately on underserved
24 communities. Therefore, this may be an environmental
25 justice killer. I have no idea. This takes being a

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1 lawyer. I am not a lawyer. My parents insisted all us
2 boys take up honest work. And they should take a look,
3 is this going to be a killer on getting federal funding,
4 as I was just discussing.

5 And it isn't doing any good to anybody here
6 anyway, that perhaps the water bank could also be used
7 as mitigation. The state gave the -- to private -- to
8 water bank authority, and in turn the water bank
9 authority is now giving mitigation credits -- selling
10 mitigation credits, not giving -- selling mitigation
11 credits back to the state, who gave them the land to
12 begin with, which is kind of a twofer. And that is a
13 big thing.

14 With the land -- with anything, calculated that
15 starthistle, S-t-a-r thistle t-h-i -- is one word, just
16 one -- uses more water by evapotranspiration more than
17 regular grass, than exists in Isabella reservoir, you
18 know. Six, 700,000 acre feet statewide. Now, they
19 should be looking at some of the others.

20 The refuge I was talking about, the federal
21 refuge, is square miles -- the one that's in Kern
22 County -- of salt cedar. Easiest way to -- or Tamarisk,
23 T-a-m-a-r-i-s-k, and which can use up to a couple
24 hundred gallons per plant per day. And it's solid, like
25 it's a crop. And when they retire lands, will it be

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1 worth, you know -- be taking it over and we go into the
2 deal. It has ungodly roots. But a major -- appropriate
3 horticulture might be in order to -- in a lot of areas.

4 I would love to see them get rid of bermuda
5 grass, which uses 36 inches of water a day, and go into
6 something like poa which uses six, pine bluegrass. And
7 there's a variety that was done, the state didn't take
8 it, that they could have had for that. It makes me sick
9 too. It makes a lot of people sick. And I don't think
10 that -- the fact this brings us into, you know, the
11 statewide amount of water used inappropriately for
12 aesthetic purposes in people's yards and parks and stuff
13 -- is what I mean.

14 But also, the amount of water that is lost by
15 -- we don't do any no-till farming. This is the 75th
16 year of The Grapes of Wrath. We're having celebrations
17 here. It seems that maybe when people came here from
18 Oklahoma, they also brought their dust storm technology
19 with them. And we seem to have a heavy problem with
20 PM10, particulate matter of ten microns. And so -- and
21 that is -- perhaps the no-till would be appropriate.
22 And conservation ag seems to be appropriate in other
23 places for the last 50 years. They're in the same
24 situation, Eastern Washington and stuff.

25 And a big problem, and major problem, is the --

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1 is with the DWR, which, as you know, stands for delays
2 while rewriting, having an in-house syndrome and not
3 really looking at forum and -- you know.

4 China is even going pretty heavy into the upper
5 watersheds to save water, you know. But I think we're
6 going to have big shade -- you know, loss of water in
7 the upper watersheds.

8 And so dealing with the Delta is dealing with
9 the result, not a cause. I've got more, but that will
10 do it for now.

11 Tertiary treat the water. You know, living --
12 getting the results of Sacramento's sewage in this area.
13 They tertiary treat the water at the Bufferlands, or at
14 -- what is it -- Stone Lakes, or the refuge up there,
15 just outside of it -- put in some tertiary treatment,
16 like a marsh to treat the sewage water. And the
17 nutrients are swallowed up, and the nitrogen and caca
18 and all that stuff gets turned into bulrushes and stuff.

19 Okay. And also -- what was I going to say they
20 should do with that? Yeah, that's, you know, one that
21 would really work. And that is -- the people won't like
22 it, because they'll have marsh next to their houses, but
23 they can move it somewhere up there. That's why I was
24 thinking about bayou.

25 And I still think that they're not looking

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1 enough at the cultural aspects, rather than the
2 technical aspects. With the amount of push water
3 necessary to keep out salt water intrusion into the
4 Delta, would it be beneficial -- this is funny,
5 probably -- to have a brackish water desalinization
6 plant in the Delta that would feed into the Tracy pumps,
7 which everybody thinks is good.

8 However, when I mentioned that in order to
9 power it they ought to put in a nuc plant, all the
10 sudden all the environmental people come unglued. That
11 is something. What was the other one I thought of? Oh,
12 these various epithets. What is the impact on the ag
13 for the Delta vis-à-vis the ag -- are you losing ag loss
14 in the Delta for ag in the San Joaquin?

15 What's the -- and what is the CB ratios
16 thereupon for the whole project? Cost benefit ratios?
17 The -- outside of the cultural -- just a second. How
18 much water currently is to keep out the salt water
19 intrusion? And what's going to happen with further
20 arctic melting? Sea level rise? And I haven't seen
21 anything on that.

22 Yeah, that will hold me for a bit. Don't
23 worry, I'll have another one. Because I had all this
24 stuff -- oh, you should have more -- I love indexes in
25 the back of everything, so I can refer to them and --

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1 look at one and then go back and correlate it to another
2 aspect, or something, on anything.

3 And you haven't been looking at the watering of
4 the San Joaquin up there in Fresno, because that's going
5 to be water that impacts elsewhere, secondary impacts.
6 Because you've taken water from one place to put it into
7 there, it should be else -- you know, and the possible
8 negative impacts financially.

9 And I think that one's getting to be a
10 boondoggle, at their buildings at Friant, which I would
11 like to see -- Friant Dam, by the way, has -- might be a
12 candidate for fuse gates, the buckets. And I think the
13 best place to put it -- the more storage would be at
14 Fine Gold Creek, F-i-n-e, as in real -- it's in the
15 sand, not as in seek and ye shall find gold. The --
16 they're already -- Temperance Flat Dam is right on top
17 of going -- the future.

18 The state parks have decided that's not going
19 to happen, because they want to put a campground there,
20 so they can sell bumper stickers, save Temperance Flat.

21 And the water that comes off Kerckhoff, way up
22 there, should be running into Fine Gold Reservoir there,
23 because they -- the Temperance Flat Dam will eliminate
24 power plants. The only way you can get power plants,
25 maybe -- maybe not. I don't even know if there's going

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1 to be enough water to fill anything, let alone even the
2 fuse gates at any of the other reservoirs. And that
3 should be determined.

4 But having water is one thing. Not having the
5 power to pump it will make it mute, if -- you know, the
6 farmer cannot afford to pump water out of a canal or
7 ditch or whatever, or the ground, then he de facto does
8 not have any water. He can't afford the pumping costs.
9 And if the groundwater sinks too, it gets more to pump
10 it from lower depths. So that is a major thing. That
11 one really should be taken -- they should take a good
12 hard look at it.

13 Whether -- it is an uninhabitable -- putting
14 water into the -- into a stream that has no shade, no --
15 is a nonviable stream. And how you going to get salmon
16 up -- well, how to make poached salmon. When you catch
17 them, they will be already poached from the temperature,
18 and -- you know, just -- may not be all that feasible.
19 The last thing they should be adding is fish. Habitat
20 should be restored first. Fish habitat is what I'm
21 getting at.

22 So that is -- and there are a couple other
23 places along that order too. Kern County is -- has a
24 subsidy system called Zone of Benefit in which urban
25 Bakersfield subsidizes ag water through a tax system

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1 called Zone of Benefit. And I see this problem with
2 environmental justice obtaining, you know, federal
3 benefits and, you know, assistance and perhaps state
4 assistance. The state should look at this and see what
5 -- and since the proportioned amount -- the
6 disproportioned amount of the cost of the project --
7 proposed chunnels, it's being paid for by Kern County.
8 It will be paid for by the citizens of -- or
9 noncitizens, who live in Bakersfield.

10 And if for any reason they -- this is the
11 latest magic bullet -- or not -- that the tunnels don't
12 work or are shut down for any reason, or fail, then we
13 still have to pay the cost. But there's no benefit.

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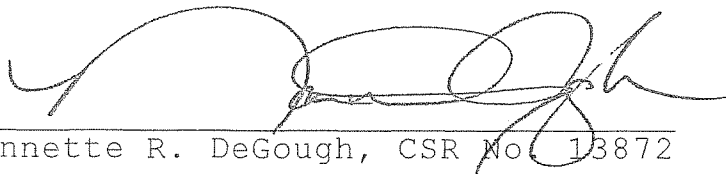
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Comment By Gary Wheeler

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Okay. Gary, G-a-r-y, Wheeler, W-h-e-e-l-e-r. I have a plan that will save us billions of dollars in water conservation. Herlong Army Depo, California, has seawater processing plants. Also the navy has on their aircraft carriers and all their ships. And all the commercial liners have water processing plants.

And I have a plan which would get the water out of the sea to where we need it, including cutting the water off we're sending down south right now and filling it up with water from the sea through the Delta. And we can make a lake out of Southern California. How does that sound?

I've got to get his attention yet. Three times I called his office. No response. But my congressman loves it.

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Comment By Bia Riaz

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Hi. So my quick comments were that, number one, I wanted to thank BDCP for putting together a very informative packet of materials on the Web site and here.

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What's disappointing is that I noticed that the comments are no longer being posted on the Web site. They used to be on the Web site, but they're no longer on there, so I feel like that prevents an intelligent dialogue. And under the regulations, from what I've read, the public policy behind this process is to allow a dialogue so that the public can intelligently weigh all the different alternatives.

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I feel like as a citizen of California who's affected by the Delta, because I live on the Delta, the tunnels and the impact of the tunnels to my community and to the environment and the water, I can't reasonably get all the information.

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The other reason is because the biological assessment has not been prepared, and I feel like it's premature to put forth this BDCP public draft without having a complete biological assessment.

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The last thing I wanted to say, if I have time, is that this would have been more productive if it was a more public forum where there was a question/answer period

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1 rather than just a recording of my comment. So I feel
2 like in that way it's not a very productive way of having
3 the public participate, and that violates the public
4 policy mandates of CEQA, NEPA, and the Endangered Species
5 Act.

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Comment By William Lockett

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I totally disapprove of the twin tunnel project.

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One reason is that Governor Brown has declared a drought

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year this year, but if it gets worse it will be a disaster

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year. And I'm a farmer. And what will happen is we will

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have a certain amount of water and then be assured to

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plant crops or something, and in a disaster year they can

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take more water away from us and send it down -- send it

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down south.

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And instead of a project like the tunnels, the money

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should be used for Sites Reservoir where we can get a

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million and a half acre-feet in a wet year and in a dry

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year like this it would help us all out completely.

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Use some of that money to desalinize the ocean.

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That's the final answer for where we're eventually going

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to get our water.

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And put a carrot out there for private industry like

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Bechtel Corporation, Fluor Corporation, that if you get an

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additional million and a half acre-feet per year of

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additional water at \$500 an acre-foot cost, then we will

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give you a bonus of five billion, not million but billion

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dollars. I think my three minutes are up.

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VALERIE HOLCOMB: I would tell you. So if you have

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more to say, you've got about another minute, minute and a

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1 half.

2 WILLIAM LOCKETT: And the tunnels, you're still
3 going to have to send water through the Delta. So what's
4 the purpose of having two different diversions? You're
5 going to have the twin tunnels that will go down to where
6 it goes into the canals and you'll still have the water
7 for fish and wildlife going down through the Delta, so
8 you're not going to gain a thing there.

9 And the private contractors, MWD, Kern County Water
10 Agency, Westlands Water District, they're not going to
11 sign contracts to take a share of the water from the twin
12 tunnels unless they are guaranteed a certain amount of
13 water each year. Plus, in a dry year they know they will
14 be cut down some.

15 But we realize -- we farmers north of Sacramento
16 realize the only place for that water to come from for the
17 tunnels is from us. And we have these water rights that
18 are senior water rights. We will do our share, but we are
19 not going to go overboard. That's enough.

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1 Comment By Amelia Budd

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3 My concern is that this is a very grandiose project
4 that's going to cost a lot of money and disrupt a lot of
5 our land. And I feel that the water issue is a bigger
6 issue than simply moving water from one part of the state
7 to another. We're going to have to consider conservation,
8 desalinization, ways to serve and keep water safe for the
9 farms. And I hate to see us going one direction to just
10 build and move water without knowing that we're involved
11 in an overall -- an overview that includes conservation as
12 well as building to move the water.

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1 Comment By C.J. Jawahar

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3 My name is C.J. Jawahar. I'm the chair of the
4 Placer County Democratic Party. Our party passed a
5 resolution to take a position against the Bay Delta
6 Conservation Plan, especially the construction of twin
7 tunnels. We thought three reasons why we are against the
8 BDCP and the tunnels.

9 Number one, more diversion of water from Sacramento
10 River will eventually dry up with all the climatic
11 changes. We feel the Sacramento River will become partly
12 or fully dried up like the San Joaquin River because a lot
13 of water diversion is happening over 50, 60 years at the
14 San Joaquin River. That's number one.

15 Number two, we fear that a lot of farmland in the
16 Delta will be impacted when they start constructing the
17 tunnels. The tunnels are huge. A lot of mud mixed with
18 chemicals are going to be carried from the ground and
19 spread all over, and the farmlands are going to be non --
20 are going to be rendered not usable. Unusable. Unusable.

21 The last point is, as we get more water from the
22 Sacramento River, less water is flowing into the ocean.
23 That will -- that will make more seawater to come back
24 into the river, making the Delta a salty region, not
25 friendly for the farmers or for the fish.

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1 So that's why we are taking an opposition position
2 on the twin tunnels. Thank you.

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1 Comment By Grant Wilson

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3 My name is Grant Wilson. I'm the Outreach and
4 Policy Coordinator at Earth Law Center.

5 The BDCP planning decisions must, as required under
6 the Delta Reform Act, be informed by the State Water
7 Board's flow criteria, including criteria for inflows and
8 outflows. The State Water Board is currently in the
9 process of creating such flow criteria under the Bay Delta
10 Water Quality Control Plan. As part of this process, an
11 August 2010 flow criteria report from the State Water
12 Board evaluated the specific Delta flow criteria that are
13 necessary to provide adequate fishery protection.

14 The report calls for the following: 75 percent
15 unimpaired Delta outflow from January through June,
16 75 percent unimpaired Sacramento River inflow from
17 November through June, and 60 percent unimpaired
18 San Joaquin River inflow from February through June.

19 The Draft Substitute Environmental Document Bay
20 Delta Water Quality Control Plan that followed, however,
21 proposed far weaker flow criteria that failed to protect
22 the most sensitive beneficial use. Instead, the criteria
23 attempted to balance ecosystem and species needs with
24 other uses, including agriculture, an approach that runs
25 counter to the Clean Water Act. To comply with federal

1 law and meet U.S. EPA approval, the State Water Board must
2 ultimately adopt flow criteria similar to the August 2010
3 flow criteria report.

4 Consistent with the Delta Reform Act and Clean Water
5 Act, lead agencies must wait for the State Water Board to
6 establish flow criteria that meet the standards of the
7 Clean Water Act and the public trust doctrine before
8 proceeding with the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, as the
9 Bay Delta Conservation Plan must be informed by these
10 criteria and the State Water Board must implement them.
11 If the lead agencies insist on moving forward now, the
12 BDCP must incorporate the science-based flow criteria
13 based on the August 2010 State Water Board report, which
14 better protects the most sensitive beneficial uses as per
15 the Clean Water Act. While the Enhanced Spring Delta
16 Outflow alternative, Alternative 8, is a step in the right
17 direction, its modest waterway flow protection regime
18 still falls well short of the Clean Water Act.

19 Efforts to preemptively push through the current
20 BDCP preferred alternative, which will likely increase
21 exports rather than protect the Delta ecosystem, are
22 contrary to law and will only accelerate the downward
23 slide of Delta health. As articulated by the
24 Environmental Water Caucus, the BDCP should add and
25 analyze a no-tunnel alternative that addresses flow

1 reversals by significantly reducing Delta exports and
2 replacing them with water sources that encourage local
3 water self-sufficiency and enhance the well-being of Delta
4 species and ecosystems through flow restoration. A
5 no-tunnel alternative with significantly reduced exports
6 is not even considered in the draft EIR/EIS.
7 Specifically, the State Water Board commented on the draft
8 BDCP and EIR/EIS that in order for it to consider changes
9 to the Bay Delta Plan and water rights, the BDCP must
10 evaluate a sufficiently broad range of alternatives,
11 including reduced reliance on exports. The current plan
12 fails to do this and must address this gap.

13 Last section. The BDCP provides a critical, timely
14 opportunity for the state to at last establish
15 comprehensive instream flow protections for the Delta
16 based on Clean Water Act water quality standards and the
17 inherent rights of waterways and fish populations to
18 exist, thrive, and evolve. At the same time, it could
19 also set the state on a path to resilient, locally
20 self-sufficient water supply strategies. Instead, it
21 merely serves to expand environmental harm and increase
22 risky reliance on water sources that may shift
23 dramatically under climate change and other future
24 scenarios.

25 I urge the BDCP lead agencies to revise and

1 recirculate for public review the draft BDCP and draft
2 BDCP EIR/EIS to reflect these recommendations and
3 concerns. Thank you.

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1 Comment By Peter Kirby

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3 My name again is Peter Kirby. I live here in
4 Sacramento, and I use the Delta. I like to go kayaking in
5 it and also bird watching. And, of course, I'm very
6 concerned about the health of the Delta. That's first and
7 foremost to me what matters.

8 So I favor Alternative 9 after studying all the
9 different alternatives, including Alternative 4. The
10 reason why I favor Alternative 9 is because there is a way
11 of having the fish bypass the pumps that kill the fish. I
12 was very impressed at how the maps showed there's a new
13 route for the fish to come from the San Joaquin River and
14 go through the Delta without getting sucked into the
15 pumps. So that's a big plus for Alternative 9.

16 I also like Alternative 9 because there is a much
17 simpler and cheaper routing of water down from the
18 Sacramento River into the pumps without having to build
19 the tunnels. The tunnels trouble me because I just don't
20 trust that there will be a limit on the water that is
21 exported from the Delta to the two Southern California
22 projects, the state and the federal project. I just worry
23 that those exports will increase over time and that will
24 be to the detriment of the health of the Delta.

25 But the main reason why I'm here today and what I

1 like the most about the project is all the habitat
2 conservation work, particularly the restoration of tidal
3 marshlands, which will occur by flooding some of the
4 islands and planting marsh grass on them. That will have
5 enormous benefits for fish, for recreation, ecological
6 health generally.

7 And I'd like to say lastly that no matter what
8 happens with the tunnels or the other conveyances, I hope
9 the state and federal government can go forward with the
10 wildlife habitat element of this plan and restore 65,000
11 acres of tidal marshland and other benefits.

12 So I support Alternative 9 and see a lot of benefits
13 in it both for people like me who recreate in the Delta
14 and for the ecology of this marvelous estuary.

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Comment By Doug Yee

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In regards to the plan, I thought it was very
informative. It gave me a broader understanding of what
the entire plan was all about.

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My main concern was about the costs involved and the
end users, which is I understand Southern California. My
feeling is that the majority user, who is agriculture,
would be paying a higher fee for the -- I guess the cost
involved since they are using, according to one of the
economists, 70 percent of the water. The fact that we as
public citizens are subsidizing their use of the water I
feel to be unfair.

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1 Comment By David Wilzbach

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3 My name is David Wilzbach, W-I-L-Z-B-A-C-H. And I
4 am concerned about the water issue. Great news for the
5 California Canal with shipping locks in it. The Pacific
6 Ocean may be upset about this solution, but all of
7 California will enjoy our unsalted fresh water.

8 This is because 40 percent of all the fresh water
9 California has is used to push the ocean out of the Delta.
10 By putting a barrier up there with ship locks in it, we
11 would be able to reduce the amount of water, perhaps five
12 percent instead of 40 percent.

13 We're in a drought situation, and this is absolutely
14 imperative. I believe that's the right word. She still
15 has the timer.

16 Anyway, God Bless America. I love California, and
17 I'll tell you one thing. I'd love to drink unsalted fresh
18 water.

19 I used to live in Pinole down there. And sometimes
20 you go to the tap, and by golly, if you had some salt
21 water inside of it. And I'm going, what is wrong with
22 America and California if we have to let 40 percent of our
23 fresh water go out and somebody like the governor tells us
24 that what we have to do is conserve water a little bit.

25 Well, most people are already conserving water. But

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1 what about the state of California conserving it, 40
2 percent of fresh water. How about reducing that so that
3 we don't have to waste so much water. Maybe we could use
4 it more for taking a little bit longer shower or
5 something.

6 God Bless America again. Like Arnold
7 Schwarzenegger says, "I love California." End of it.

8 It takes more water -- pushing more fresh water
9 pushing the ocean out of the Delta than there is in Lake
10 Tahoe. In one year, Lake Tahoe would be totally dry, and
11 we'd still need more fresh water to push the ocean out.
12 So we need to think about that a little bit.

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1 Comment By Patrick Hubert

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3 My first name is Patrick. Last name is Hubert,
4 H-U-B-E-R-T. And I'm here on behalf of the Friends of the
5 River. I want to make a comment about BDCP5, which is the
6 effects analysis, specifically how it deals with listed
7 fish species.

8 The BDCP acknowledges or identifies low flows and
9 high temperature as a -- BDCP identifies low flows and
10 high temperatures in Sacramento as stressors to endangered
11 fish species.

12 And Conservation Measure 2 under BDCP plans to flood
13 the Yolo Bypass, diverting water from the Sacramento River
14 to use as a flood plane and fish habitat.

15 But if there is already low flow in the Sacramento,
16 high temperatures, diverting more water out of Sacramento
17 is only going to make those problems worse.

18 It doesn't matter if fish are in the Sacramento
19 River or in the Yolo Bypass. If there is lower flows and
20 higher temperatures, it's going to worsen the stressors.
21 That's it.

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Steve Lockett, L-O-C-K-E-T-T. All right. My main concern is looking around this room today I see most of the focus is on habitat, and how are we going to take care of the fish. And I don't see a lot of flexibility.

I'm taking care of the agricultural interest. I'm concerned already it seems like -- I realize the Delta needs to be -- it needs to be flushed. It needs to have a certain amount of flow through it.

But I just question whether the water that comes down the Sacramento especially is being used wisely. I've noticed over the last three summers that the water level in the Sacramento as it flows through Knight's Landing area is probably at least two feet higher than it has been historically in the summer, and that's increased flows, I'm assuming, to help the fish swim in the Delta or to send more water south.

And consequently, in a year like this, Shasta Dam has been seriously depleted because of these extra summer flows. Two massive tunnels are built. That's going to guarantee more water is exported down south. And the fish and the wildlife people, they're always going to be screaming to take care of their constituents.

And so where does that leave ag. We could

1 conceivably end up with less water in the north even
2 though we are the source of 98 percent of the water in the
3 state.

4 So I just -- I just disagree strenuously with this
5 extreme focus on habitat wildlife and just -- well, just
6 it doesn't seem to be a lot of common sense and
7 flexibility on how we're using a lot of this water. I'd
8 like to put an opposition to restoring the San Joaquin
9 Watershed.

10 I disapprove of favoring -- trying to re-establish a
11 salmon run as opposed to using that water for agricultural
12 purposes. I do not really believe it's going to be --
13 ever going to have a very viable salmon run again.

14 I guess that's about it. Frustrated with the whole
15 process. I just want my interest to come first before the
16 fish and the habitat restoration. It's never going to be
17 like it was. The Delta's never going to be like it was.

18 I mean, you know, I think a lot of this
19 environmental is romanticizing the passion, and I don't
20 really want to go back and live like 150 years ago. And I
21 don't know why people have this idea that it was that much
22 better than it is today. All right.

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1 Comment By Bernadette Lawrence

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3 My name is Bernadette Lawrence, and I'm here on
4 behalf of Assembly Member Richard Pan, P-A-N.

5 Good afternoon. I am Bernadette Lawrence from
6 Assemblyman Lawrence Pan's office. Our district includes
7 Sacramento, Elk Grove, Galt and Lodi, which are areas and
8 communities that rely heavily on a healthy and thriving
9 Delta.

10 Dr. Pan has had many conversations with concerned
11 constituents in our district that have expressed their
12 opposition and issues with the tunnel project. Thousands
13 of working men and women depend on the competitive
14 advantage that our local agriculture provides for our
15 economy.

16 We recognize that if the state moved forward with
17 the tunnel project, we'd be endangering the livelihood of
18 community in the Delta that rely on the Delta and the fish
19 that it produced in a delicately balanced ecosystem that
20 makes up the largest estuary on the west coast.

21 It is important that we protect our environment and
22 the fragile ecosystem that makes up the Delta region.

23 Thank you for allowing us to be here and state our
24 position to stand with our local communities in opposition
25 to the tunnels.

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3 Nancy Lemman, L-E-M-A-N. I'm commenting because my
4 feeling is that the support of the Bay Delta is a
5 conservation plan somehow implies that I think the rampant
6 urban development and redevelopment in southern California
7 is sustainable, which I do not.

8 I actually have a bachelor of science in resources
9 from UC Davis. And it's my belief that the area
10 essentially does not support itself. Its people do not
11 raise food. It's essentially just a magnet for more and
12 more population. It's an urbanization thing that's
13 occurring in a lot of countries. And this development
14 that makes life on the planet more energy intensive.

15 I don't think that the Delta can be sacrificed. I
16 think it will start on the desertification of the state.
17 I'm really very concerned that Pyramid Lake and the other
18 one down on the California Water Project are 87 percent
19 full. And the Sacramento Region is looking at a huge
20 problem with Lake Folsom.

21 I used to drive trucks over the Grapevine and even
22 talked with other truck drivers that could not believe
23 dependency. You know, how long would L.A. last if there
24 weren't a continuous infusion of resources from around the
25 country and around the world.

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1 And I don't think that a plan that's going to create
2 more apparent availability of water is really going to
3 create any better living or prospects for the people of
4 California either north or south. That's about it.

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